

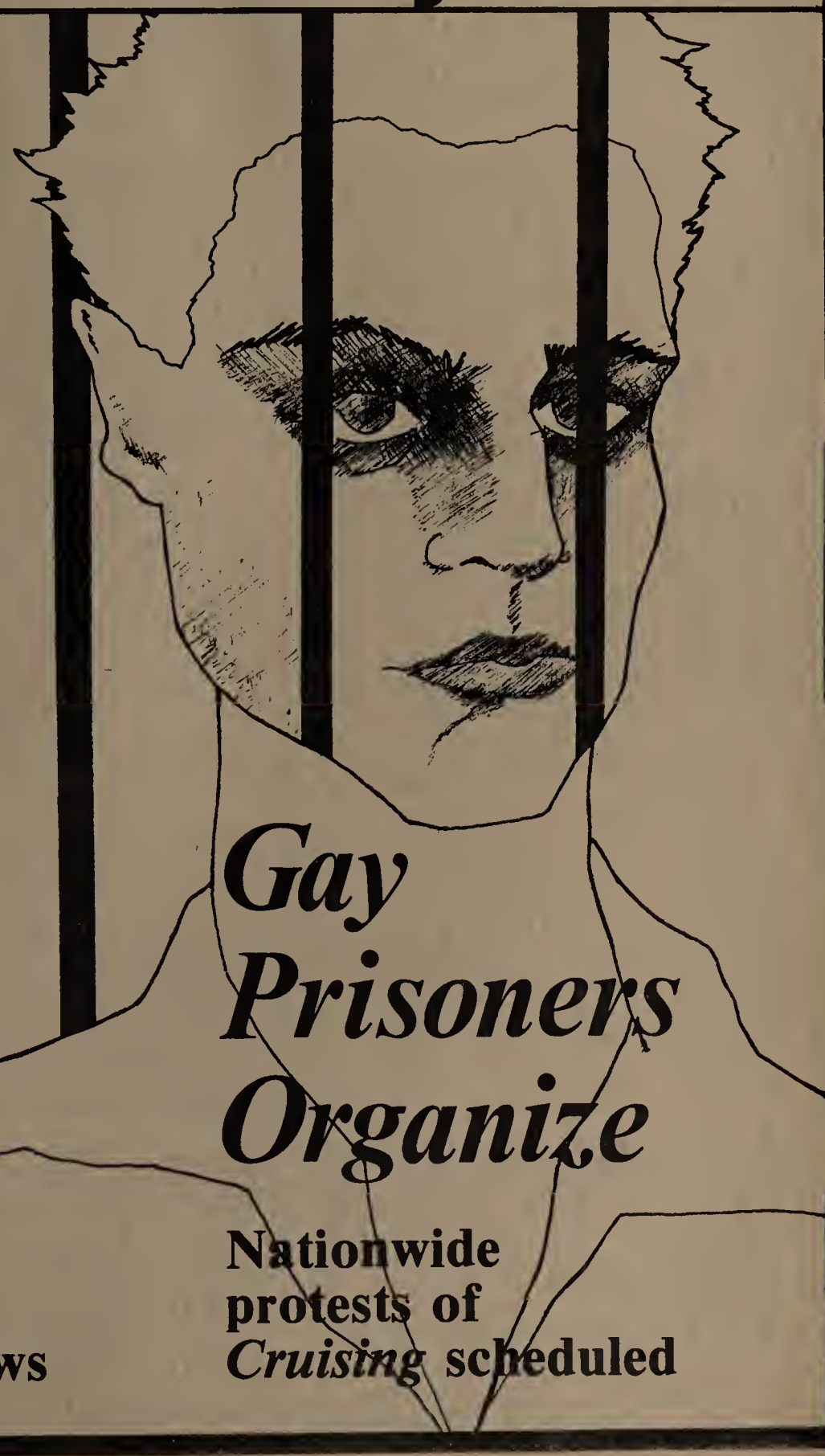
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YANKEES GO HOMO: Entertainers/activists Sonnika and Gre photographed at a Jan. 26 protest at the American Consulate in The Hague. About 1,000 persons participated in the march and rally to protest American immigration laws which exclude lesbian and gay male aliens.

The Dutch Mount Protests Against Immigration Laws

Compiled by Dan Daniel

AMSTERDAM — Dutch lesbian and gay male activists, spurred on by the support of the vast majority of members of the Dutch Parliament, have accelerated their protests of American immigration laws which bar the entry of lesbian and gay male foreigners. Two protest marches and rallies were held in the last week of January.

Geri Joseph, the American Ambassador to the Netherlands who had previously declined to meet with two Members of Parliament (MP) to discuss the issue of American immigration policy, eventually reconsidered and met with Labor MP Harry van den Bergh and Liberal MP Ed Nypels on Jan. 23. The meeting was given coverage that night on the nationally televised Dutch news broadcast.

Van den Bergh and Nypels had sought the meeting with Joseph to present her with a letter signed by 132 of 150 members of the Dutch Parliament. The letter, addressed to "the Chairman of the House of Representatives of the United States of America," expressed opposition to American immigration policy which excludes persons on the basis of sexual preference and urged that the U.S. House of Representatives "bring about an end to this form of discrimination, for example by asking your country's Government to repeal the measures" which exclude lesbians and gay men. The letter concluded: "In your capacity as the law-making authority of the United States we urge you most earnestly to enact legislation which ensures a ban on this kind

of grave discrimination." Nypels and van den Bergh said that Ambassador Joseph's response was "not satisfactory."

A group of lesbians demonstrated outside the American Consulate in Amsterdam on Jan. 24. During the demonstration, Frances Meyer, a woman who had been issued a visa to visit the United States, stated to the Consul that she was a lesbian and that she wished her visa revoked. The Consul refused to do so.

A letter from the United States International Communication Agency in the Hague to Bram Bol of the Dutch Society for the International

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Groups Around the Nation Ready Protest Action for United Artists' *Cruising*

By Warren Blumenfeld

The second chapter in the ongoing struggle of gay and lesbian community groups against United Artists corporation and the movie *Cruising* is being organized in many areas of the country. Initial actions took place last summer in New York's Greenwich Village when gays took to the streets in an attempt to stop or slow down production of the film. This was the first time any group had ever directed an organized protest against a film before its completion and all indications suggest that these actions put a strain on the film's \$11 million budget.

Activities are planned around the movie's opening, which is slated for February 15 in approximately 580 theatres. GCN contacted various community groups which are planning local actions and found that although specific actions may differ slightly, a general strategy has developed in the way in which these groups will be responding to the opening.

Most actions will concern themselves with educating the public to the issues involved in the filming of the movie, namely the fact that gay men and lesbians are tired of being portrayed by the media as — in the words of John Mitzel of Boston — "either victims or villains."

Before the opening, some groups opposed to the movie will be calling press confer-

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What is happening around the country?

By Warren Blumenfeld

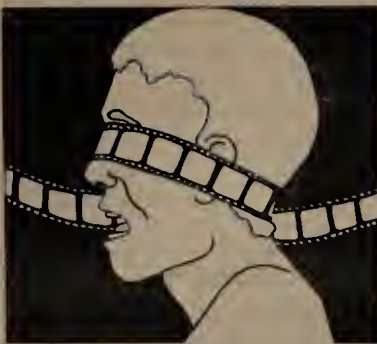
Specific actions are planned to protest the opening of the movie *Cruising* — scheduled for February 15 — in numerous cities across the United States. GCN contacted gay and lesbian organizers in major regions of the country to assess the range and form which these protests will take. Included here are some of our findings: Boston

Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA) is coordinating an action planned for 7:30 p.m. at either the Cinema 57, 200 Stuart Street, or at the Cheri Theatre, 50 Dalton Street, depending on which theatre will be showing the film. The action will include a picket line and leaflets calling for a general boycott of the film. LAGMA representatives held a press conference for media representatives at the Glad Day Book Shop Friday, February 8, to inform the public about the issues related specifically to the film and generally related to the issue of violence directed against lesbians and gay men.

Los Angeles

Representatives from 30 gay and lesbian community groups met on February 3 to plan an action at two area theatres. Picket

lines will form at 6:30 p.m. on February 15 and 16 at both the Regent Theatre in Westwood and the Vine Theatre in Hollywood. However, unconfirmed reports indicate that United Artists may change the film's location and organizers are encouraging people to check local movie listings for the location of the film before going to the demonstration.



At the February 3 meeting, a resolution was passed calling for Jack Valenti, Executive Director of the Motion Picture Association of America, to screen the film for the purpose of reassigning the present rating of "R" to an "X" rating. The resolution also called for a screening of the film for the local press. Leaflets listing these demands and a call for mobilization have been printed and are cir-

culating throughout the community.

Chicago

The Chicago-based Committee to Stop the Movie *Cruising* (CSMS) has planned a picket line and leafleting demonstration on the evening of February 15 at the McClurg Court Theatre. This same theatre aired the film *Windows* on January 26. Approximately 50 people demonstrated at that time.

As stated in one of their leaflets, CSMS has called the protest around the following slogans: "Stop the Movie *Cruising*," "End Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men," "Stop Gay Oppression," "Fight for Lesbian and Gay Liberation." Included in a long list of endorsers are the Gay Revolutionary Discussion Group, University of Illinois Gay and Lesbian Illini, Rogers Parks/Edgewater Gay Alliance, New World Resource Center, and Chicago Life Community (an anti-nuke and anti-pornography organization).

San Bernardino

Representatives from local gay and lesbian organizations have contacted the owners of the Central City Theatre and Shopping

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Appleby Trial Enters Third Week

By Mitzel

NORTHAMPTON, MA — "I will prove that no kidnapping took place, that no rape took place, and that Mr. John Doyle did not suffer any assault and battery." With this statement, Kenneth A. Appleby opened his defense.

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Appleby, currently incarcerated in jail in Northampton, is acting as his own attorney for this trial.

He began his defense Thursday, Jan. 31. He called as his witnesses former Judge Daniel Keyes, a family friend, Hampden County Treasurer Daniel Keyes, Jr., as well as former West Springfield Police Chief John F. Lyons. All



Frank Truehart photo

Kenneth A. Appleby

testified to having seen Carrie Junkin during the time he lived with Appleby and all testified that Junkin did not appear to be under duress. Doyle had told the court that Junkin had been kept by Appleby as a slave, drugged and in constant fear.

A dramatic development in this trial occurred on Friday, Feb. 1, when Junkin himself appeared in court. Junkin had not been called as a state witness. Both the State and the defense claimed they had been unable to locate him. Junkin was promptly called as a witness by Appleby. Judge Tamburello refused to declare Junkin a hostile witness. Appleby kept Junkin on the stand for four days.

Junkin, who lived with Appleby for nine months, admitted he had met Appleby when Appleby picked him up in New York in Au-

gust, 1977. Junkin said he was working at that time as a \$50 male prostitute on Third Avenue. He said he had finally come forward in this case because he "wanted to see justice done." While on the stand, Junkin screamed at Appleby, calling him "a Nazi, a sadist, and a murderer." After meeting Appleby, Junkin claimed he was "brainwashed" in less than one week. He said Appleby had "programmed" him. He admitted he participated in all the acts against Doyle, but he said he only did them on Appleby's orders. He said he did not steal the \$68,000 Appleby has accused him of ripping off. He told the court he only took \$200. Three times he admitted he gave Doyle money. It was as a result of statements made by Junkin to New York police that

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News Notes

quote of the week

"As an American citizen, a husband, a father, and a theatre owner, I strongly support the right, if not the obligation, of the American creative film making community to address itself to any subject worthy and susceptible of filming . . . I have seen the motion picture *Cruising*. In my opinion it is admittedly a very violent and explicit film. It is also powerful, compelling, serious, well directed by William Friedkin, and well acted by Al Pacino and the supporting cast . . . A movement by elements of the gay community to ban the film has no more validity than opposition to *The Godfather* by the Italian community or an attempt at censorship of *Oliver Twist* by the Jewish community. Indeed, the logical conclusion of such a position would be to eschew all films which are in any way pejorative to anyone who can be identified with or generalized to any group."

—A. Alan Friedberg, President of Boston's Sack Theatres and President of the National Association of Theatre Owners, in a telegram to Jerry Weintraub, producer of *Cruising*. The telegram was reproduced as a full-page advertisement in the New York Times on Feb. 4.

preusser to run for delegate seat

CAMBRIDGE, MA — Former Cambridge City Councillor Mary Ellen Preusser will seek a seat as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention as a backer of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) when the caucus to elect Kennedy delegates convenes on Feb. 10. Preusser, who told GCN, "I am very concerned about having human rights issues brought before the convention," would represent the Eighth Congressional District (Cambridge, Allston, Brighton, Ward 5 in Boston, and parts of Somerville, Belmont, and Watertown) if elected.

The caucus to elect Kennedy delegates will be held at the Kennedy School, Spring and Fulkerson Streets, East Cambridge, from 2-5 p.m. on Sun., Feb. 10.

five arrested for lewd behavior

CLEARWATER, FL — Police stakeouts of men's restrooms at two large shopping malls have resulted in the arrests of five men, all of whom have been charged with lewd behavior, battery, solicitation, or a combination of those charges.

Spokespersons for the two major stores which were staked out declined comment on any of the arrests. The St. Petersburg Times, in its report on the story, published the names and addresses of those involved.

glad represents queer-bashing victims

BOSTON, MA — Two gay men were harassed and assaulted in the late hours of the evening of Jan. 27, 1980. According to the victims, their attackers encountered them on the Green line and began harassing them. They followed the two men to Cambridge, where the physical attacks occurred. The identity of the attackers has been learned, and criminal complaints against them are being sought. Gay and lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) will represent the victims in these proceedings.

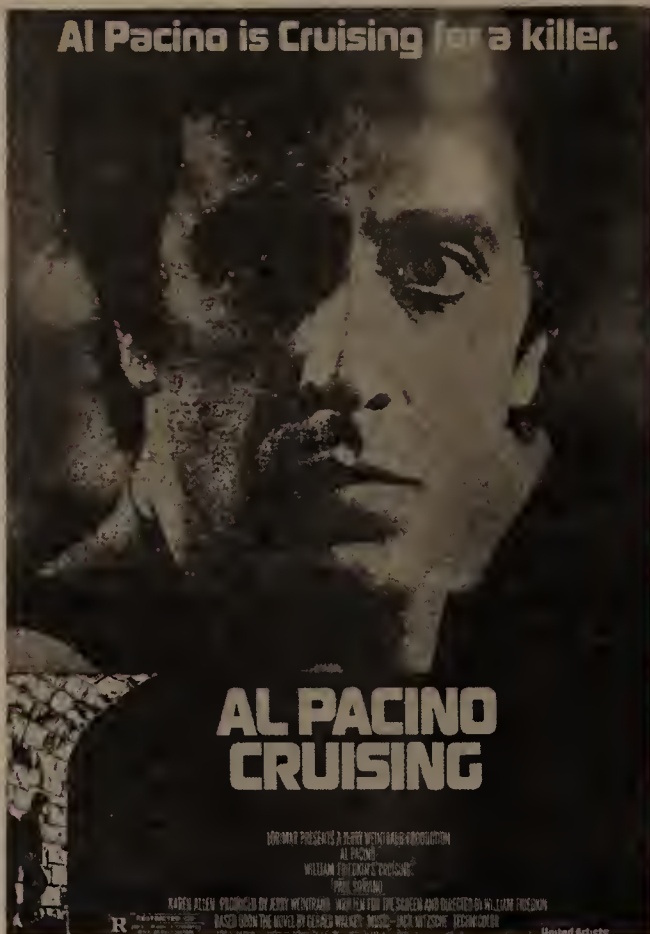
bent signed for ten more countries

NEW YORK, NY — *Bent* the critically-acclaimed American play which was a hit in London before hitting Broadway, has been sold for production in 10 additional countries — Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, and Brazil. Germany alone, where the play is historically set, will have five separate companies.

center's library opens to public

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The library of the Gay Community Center of Philadelphia is now open to the public. The library is located at 326 Kater Street (near 4th and South) and contains books and periodicals by, about, or of interest to gay men, lesbians, other sexual minorities, and women.

Anyone may use the library, but only members may check out books. Membership is available for \$5.00, with a reduced rate of \$2.00 for those 19 years of age and under. Contributions of materials are accepted in lieu of membership fees. The current hours are: Sundays from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.



nagap does well in first five months

OAKLAND, NJ — The National Association of Gay Alcoholism Professionals (NAGAP) reports a great surge of growth since its beginning last July 4. The group reports that it now has more than 90 members from 24 states and the District of Columbia. NAGAP is currently expecting to be granted tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service.

The group is preparing a list of books, journal articles, newspaper articles, unpublished papers, pamphlets, and knowledgeable persons in the field as a resource for other writers, thus serving as a clearinghouse for information about gay persons and alcoholism. For information about the group, write NAGAP, P.O. Box 376, Oakland, NJ 07436, or call (201) 337-1087.

gays in the service organize

KARLSRUHE, W. GERMANY — English-Speaking Gays (ESG), an organization for gay people in the U.S. Armed Forces who are stationed in Western Europe, has begun its second year. ESG offers information, advice, and social contacts. For information, write ESG, Attention Richard, Postfach 6526, D-7500, Karlsruhe 1, West Germany.

on the clout of the dollar

NEW YORK, NY — Lesbian and gay activist in New York City are planning a campaign which seeks to demonstrate the economic clout they possess and hopefully increase pressure on city councillors to pass a gay rights bill. The campaign involves getting restaurants and other commercial establishments to prominently display a sticker which states, "This establishment does not discriminate against lesbians and gay people."

The aim is to eliminate discrimination against lesbians and gay men in employment and to prevent harassment of same-sex couples who publicly show affection for each other.

Said Andy Humm of the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, "We are going to try to educate them and tell them why it is important they join with us. And if they don't, we will cut off their business. We are tired of giving them our money without them giving us our rights or supporting our struggle. People can be thrown out for kissing and holding hands. This kind of discrimination must end."

supporters of kennedy organize

BOSTON, MA — The newly formed group of backers of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), Lesbians and Gay Men for Kennedy, will hold its first meeting on Tues., Feb. 12. The meeting will take place at Somewhere, 295 Franklin St., Boston.

The group hopes to organize the lesbian and gay male communities around Kennedy's candidacy in the upcoming Massachusetts primary election. Kennedy family member and campaign organizer Bobby Fitzgerald will attend the meeting.

The organizers have urged all lesbian and gay men who support Kennedy and who are interested in joining the campaign to attend the meeting.

lesbian mother has friends

BOSTON, MA — *Amicus curiae* (friend of the court) briefs will be filed by three parties in the case of lesbian mother Bunny King, who is appealing a ruling in the Franklin County Probate Court that she should not be awarded custody of her children. The briefs will be filed by the Boston-based Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, Philadelphia's Custody Action for Lesbian Mothers, and the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts.

lesbian mother wants privileged docket

RICHMOND, VA — The Virginia Supreme Court has been petitioned to place the appeal of a lesbian mother who was denied custody of her child on the "privileged docket" of the court. "Jane Doe," the mother, is appealing the ruling of a Franklin County (VA) judge that her 8-year old son be taken from her because of her sexual preference. The woman's attorneys cited the uncertainty for the child as cause for the case to be moved up on the court's agenda.

"Jane Doe's" appeal, backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, argued that no evidence was presented at the original trial to show that removing the boy from her custody was in his best interest. The appeal is also based on constitutional grounds, in that the judge decreed that the mother's lesbian lifestyle alone was sufficient reason to deny her custody. The appeal also declares that the Virginia adoption law is unconstitutionally vague.

concert to benefit insight

NEW YORK, NY — The first in a series of concerts to benefit *Insight*, an ecumenical Christian publication and a gay outreach to the non-gay community in the Christian churches, will take place on Tues., Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, Park Ave. and 64th St., New York City.

The program will be "Music for the Lenten Season," and will feature the Gotham Male Chorus under the direction of Donald Rock. Selections will use texts for Christian services during the season, set by Renaissance composers.

A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert. Admission will be \$5.00 at the door.

gay presses unite

NEW YORK, NY — Three gay presses have joined together to form The Gay Presses of New York, a new association which aims to promote gay publishing. The three publishers are Calamus Books, Sea Horse Press, and JH Press.

With this joint effort, the three companies are attempting to increase the visibility of the gay press in general through mutual advertising, promotion, sales, and distribution. Under a joint imprint, the presses will publish new gay works that the individual presses would not have been able to publish.

Information about The Gay Presses of New York may be obtained from any of the three publishers: Calamus Books, P.O. Box 689, Cooper Station, New York, NY 10003; Sea Horse Press, P.O. Box 509, Village Station, New York, NY 10014; or JH Press, 90 Bank St. #5-D, New York, NY 10014.

greek magazine confiscated

ATHENS, GREECE — An issue of *Amphi*, the magazine of AKOE (Liberation Movement of Greek Homosexuals), has been confiscated by order of the Prosecutor General of Athens, who cited the "Indecent Publications" section of Greek law. At issue were a poem by Nikos Spanlas and a drawing of a seated nude youth.

Some 2,000 signatures in support of *Amphi* have been collected, including many prominent Greek political and cultural figures.

A trial has been scheduled to decide the issue of "Indecency." The AKOE has requested that persons who wish to support the group in its efforts send letters of protest to the Greek embassy. Persons wishing more information may write *Amphi* Magazine, 6a Zaloggou St., Athens 142, Greece.

cassettes available on being gay

DALLAS, TX — Cassette recordings of "Being Gay in Contemporary America," a lecture-discussion course with more than 20 professional participants, are now available from the Gay Academic Union-North Texas (GAUNT). Sessions cover psychology and sex research, religion, literature, gay life in Dallas, history, anthropology, and sociology. For information about content, cost, and availability, write to GAUNT, P.O. Box 2402, Dallas, TX 75221.

Police Encourage Sexual Minorities' Participation In Relations Seminars

By John Zeh

CINCINNATI, OH — The City Police Division here has included homosexuals with blacks and Appalachians in its 12-hour "human skills improvement seminars" because of a recent revelation about police/community relations.

Training officer Sgt. Larry Panno told GCN that community service needs far outstrip law enforcement demands on today's police. "Officers are not John Wayne or Dirty Harry," Sgt. Panno said of the new role for men and women in blue. "It's a hard jump to make. Things have really changed around."

The division's approach is nearly unique in the U.S. because it includes lesbians and gay men. The brand new Lesbian-Gay Speakers Bureau here has organized the homosexual participation in the seminars.

Police Chief Myron Leistler approved a proposal from the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (CHRC) at the urging of then-Mayor Bobbie Stern.

"We went in on the coat-tails of City Council's mandate that police be sensitized to community concerns of blacks and Appalachians," said Wendy Winkler, who helped organize the Speakers Bureau's "Police Sensitization Project."

Council had attached that condition to issuance of more powerful Magnum 357 weapons to city police officers after shoot-outs that had left police and black suspects dead. Each officer spends 12 hours at the Police Academy; gays give a half-hour presentation.

Winkler, a member of the Les-

bian Activists Bureau (LAB) and a city employee, says only a few American cities have undertaken similar projects, and they all have large, visible gay communities compared to Cincinnati.

Chip Harrod of the CHRC, who suggested the idea after the gay community made contact with him, hopes the effort will be a model for future police training. Harrod has served as a police-community relations specialist.

Winkler said, "It's a toe in the door," and credited Stern for convincing Chief Leistler to accept the proposal.

Harrod said Leistler "didn't win many friends" for the decision and demonstrated "real courage" in giving the nod. He called the current seminars "a golden opportunity" to educate police about the treatment of homosexuals. "Education is essential to objective treatment of gays. I think some of us in the meeting with the gay community recognized our own ignorance about homosexuals, and realized it was probably pervasive with police," Harrod said.

The Rev. Howard Gaass of the Metropolitan Community Church here said the initial sessions have been "tense," with police exhibiting "incredible naivete." A trainer from LAB said it's the "most hostile situation" she's even been in. Winkler said "homophobia" really shows up among some officers, especially when there's talk of sexual activity in public parks, and of gay bars.

"Too many times we've always dealt with problems after they've occurred," Panno said. "Now we're trying to take advantage of foresight instead of having hind-

sight. In some ways, police departments are 10 years behind the times."

The gay community had met the Police Division's new community relations officer to air complaints about unfair surveillance, entrapment, and arrests in parks; screening out lesbians and gays by lie-detectors during the recent police recruitment; lack of police protection at a private gay swim party last summer in Coy Park, where 30 people taunted and threw rocks, bottles, and debris at the 30 gay swimmers.

Winkler thinks that incident prompted then-Mayor Stern to push the participation of gays in the re-training process for police. She said residents of the area surrounding Coy Park stormed Stern's office and complained about the gays renting the city

pool, which was closed on weekends. "I heard she threw them out of her office," Winkler said.

Guidelines given to trainers explore homosexuals' problems in society point out that "we live in a constantly hostile environment. If we're in the 'closet,' we're constantly living a lie, and in fear of being discovered. This leads us to a sort of 'sane schizophrenia.' It also isolates us from one another. Many of us go for years thinking 'we are the only ones.'"

"If we're out of the closet," the guidelines continue, "we live with rumors, silence, exclusion, and outright harassment." As an example, Winkler points out that after she invited some sisters to her home, her house was egged, the word "lessie" written on its side, and her brand new car was

vandalized.

"These problems are compounded by our lack of family support," according to the guidelines. "We are the only minority group whose families belong to the majority. . . . We also have problems with lack of protection under the law. What do we want from police? Equal treatment, broadmindedness, and respect."

"This has been a struggle," Winkler said. "We're trying to avoid confrontations in the training sessions. We aim for low-key presentations about our problems in a hostile society and our need for equal police protection. It's been a struggle," she repeated, "but once I got started talking in the session I handled, I thought, 'My God, they're listening to us.'"

Voters Quiz Candidates' Representatives at Forum At U. of New Hampshire

DURHAM, NH — President Jimmy Carter is expected to announce within about two weeks whether he supports the gay rights bill introduced by Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-MA) and whether he will sign an executive order banning discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the federal government. Stanley Tobin, a Los Angeles lawyer who is working full-time for the Carter-Mondale campaign, said the President has been given background papers on the two matters and will make a formal statement "fairly soon, perhaps within the next two weeks."

Tobin was one of three representatives of presidential candidates who participated in a forum on lesbian and gay rights at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) on Saturday, Feb. 3. The forum, sponsored by the New Hampshire Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men and the UNH Women's Center, drew about 100 lesbians, gay men and others.

Representatives of presidential hopefuls at the forum were Tobin, Diane Anderson, daughter of Rep. John Anderson (R-IL), and Steve Rivers, deputy director of the New Hampshire Brown for President campaign. Former U.S. Rep. Allard Lowenstein of New York had said he would represent Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA), but he did not attend.

Tom Bastow, co-director of the National Convention Project, also spoke briefly about the importance of supporting candidates who stand up for the rights of lesbians and gay men.

Standing below a large banner that stated "Gay Rights Are a Primary Issue in N.H.," each of the representatives briefly stated her/his candidate's position on the rights of lesbians and gay men. Most of the hour-and-fifteen-minute program, however, was devoted to answering questions from the audience.

The closest the forum came to a heated interchange occurred when Tobin was pressed on the question of whether Pres. Carter said during his 1976 presidential campaign that he could not support an openly gay person running for political office. Tobin said that he recalled no such statement, and added that if such a statement had been made, Carter has since

"changed his mind."

Tobin had said earlier that he did not know what stand Carter will take on the Tsongas bill or on the issuance of an executive order, but he did say that Carter's statement "will reiterate his belief that discrimination against gays is clearly unconstitutional under the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution."

Anderson reminded those at the forum that she was the only Republican representative of a Republican candidate, reflecting what she called "the Anderson difference," as the only Republican candidate "who speaks candidly on all issues."

When the representatives were asked if they knew whether their candidate had hired any openly gay persons, Anderson quickly raised her hand and said, "My father does." Rivers said that two activists, David Mixner and Peter Scott, were "key campaign consultants" for the Brown campaign. Tobin did not respond immediately, but said later that he thought there were some openly gay people in the Carter campaign. Forum moderator Dr. Hubert Hardy, a UNH psychologist, answered Tobin: "We know there are; the question is whether they are open."

Tobin did not indicate that his

candidate would support a gay rights plank in the platform of the Democratic party.

Anderson said her father supported human rights and considered rights for lesbians and gay men to be a part of human rights.

Tobin said that he foresees "something in the nature of a compromise" on such a plank, "but I am sure it will be one you can and will be proud to support."

Toward the end of the question-and-answer period, one gay man stated strong support for an immediate executive order banning discrimination against lesbians and gay men. "If there's one message we want you to take back," he said, "it is that gay rights should not be an issue in this campaign. It's as simple as that."

The remark echoed the headline of a quarter page advertisement addressed to all presidential candidates and placed in the New Hampshire Sunday News on the day of the forum by the New Hampshire Coalition and The National Convention Project.

The advertisement, headlined "The Civil Rights of Gay People Should Not Be A Political Issue," called on all Democratic and Republican candidates to "oppose official discrimination by the federal government against gay people."

March on Washington Coalition Announces National Conference

Compiled by Eric Rofes

NEW YORK, NY — An ad hoc committee of the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights has announced plans for a national policy conference to be held the weekend of March 7-9 at Oberlin College in Ohio. The purpose of the conference, as stated in the registration letter mailed to over 300 march organizers in all 50 states, is to "determine what will be done with the network which was established while organizing for the March."

Joyce Hunter, a member of the ad hoc committee for the Oberlin Conference told GCN, "This conference is very important because it will decide what we will do with the communications network that we created in organizing for the March. This is the most extensive network of lesbian and gay activists this nation has ever seen. If we could bring over 100,000 people to Washington, we have a responsibility to continue to build our grass roots movement."

The site of Oberlin College in Ohio was chosen because of "cost factors and the availability of personnel and logistical resources." Housing will be provided in student dorm rooms, at the homes of Oberlin townspeople, or at private hotels.

The proposed agenda for the conference includes a report on the financial state of the March organization, a forum on "where do we go from here?", proposals for organizing the structure of an

ongoing organization, and a screening of portions of the documentary film currently being made on the March. Time for men's and women's caucuses will be provided, as well as caucus time for third world people and lesbian and gay youth.

The proposed distribution of votes is on the same basis as the Houston Conference last July which established 32 delegates from each of the seven regions of the country. There is a mandate of 50% lesbian representation and 20% third world representation from each sub-region. National lesbian and gay organizations are permitted 2 voting delegates each and, if they include both women and men in the organizations, should send a co-sexual delegation. The conference is open to non-voting members.

While many of the agenda items have not been determined at this point, many march organizers are expecting to discuss the anti-gay Fundamentalist March on Washington to be held this spring, the upcoming Democratic Convention, and the relationship of the lesbian and gay movement to other political movements.

Registration information is available from Gay Union, Oberlin College, Wilder Box 30, Oberlin, OH 44074, or by contacting Randy Boarman in Pittsburgh, at 412-422-4563 between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (EST) Monday through Friday.

Loeb paper takes gay ad

MANCHESTER, NH — William Loeb's Sunday newspaper, *The New Hampshire News*, carried a quarter-page advertisement recently calling on all presidential candidates to oppose official discrimination by the federal government against lesbians and gay men.

The advertisement was paid for by the New Hampshire Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men and The National Convention Project and appeared in the business section of the newspaper.

The advertisement was placed by Tom Bastow, co-director of the National Convention Project, who said the newspaper agreed three hours after receiving the ad to publish it in the Sunday edition.

The *Sunday News* had turned away earlier advertisements promoting the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights and the airing on New Hampshire Public Television of the movie *Word Is Out*.

Bastow said he did not know whether acceptance of the advertisement reflected any softening of the newspaper's position on rights for lesbians and gay men.

The advertisement appeared on the same day that the New Hampshire Coalition and the University of New Hampshire Women's Center sponsored a forum on where presidential candidates stand on the issue of rights for lesbians and gay men. The Loeb papers ran none of the advance notices for that event.

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Community Voices

stop the draft

Dear Editor,

One of the best things that will emerge from the gay liberation movement in this decade will be its resistance to the compulsory registration proposal if it becomes a law. For the ideology of gay liberation does not recognize the legitimacy of the sexist military infra-structure, and the gay liberation movement considers military activities to be chauvinistic pastimes.

Not only will gays make themselves unavailable for the draft, but they are making it quite clear that they are not going to register. The reaction among non-gays is snowballing; they want to know why they should be discriminated against in case of the draft, and they are now being supported by the example of their brothers and sisters to refuse obligatory registration. And women, generally, have a good psychological reason not to collaborate with an organization which constantly exposes them to sexual harassment.

The proposal, if it becomes law, will probably backfire for other reasons as well. The Vietnam War veterans and the sixties generation are making it their responsibility to encourage the young people not to be pressured into registering if they do not want to. Blacks are also not going to let themselves be coerced, for they remember that they were over-represented in Vietnam and that they have paid their dues to the military.

College students, everywhere, are now reaching out to the working class youth to convince them not to be intimidated into registering against their will. Young people are actively helping one another to resist all infringements on their personal sovereignty, and they are quickly learning to exercise their freedom of choice. No laws on earth will force them to violate the freedom of their consciences: register if you will, but not if you do not!

The Divinity School
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proud of you

Dear GCN:

As my lover and I live a very quiet life down here in the Sunshine State, one of my many weekly pleasures is the arrival of the GCN. I pour over every page and thoroughly relish every moment reading it. I personally think GCN is the finest gay newspaper in the U.S. GCN: I'm hooked!

Like most of your readers, I guess, I have often wished to write to you to thank you for this article or that but now I especially want to thank you for your recent article by Chris Guilfooy, (GCN, Vol. 7, No. 25) on the problems of gays who are hearing impaired. Although I am slightly biased, the article was well-written and sensitive as befits its author. She is a very sensitive woman and the article reflected her care and concern.

We need to be reminded more of the problems of gays who shoulder even more handicaps, discrimination and poverty than many of us do. GCN: keep up the great work, and Chris: your brother, and his lover, are very proud of you!

Sincerely,
Ted Guilfooy
Miami, FL

creative response

Dear Friends at GCN,

We are taking out a classified ad in hopes that you will print it near the top of the *Just Friends* column in the back of GCN. Some of us regular subscribers receive our GCN's late, opened, or *not at all*, as they are stopped at the local post office by interested postal workers/sorters (who are probably curious, and maybe even scared to buy their own copies over the counter locally).

While harassment of gay people is nothing new, nor is opening or withholding our mail, it seems that we need to find creative ways to respond to this invasion of our privacy. The mails are not "safe" — as we are led to believe — apparently opening mail is a common occurrence at the P.O. — so ordinary that the local postmaster seems nonchalant about uncovering it or trying to put a stop to it.

In hopes of making our awareness of this regular act known to the postal workers here, we are taking out this ad for a couple of weeks — maybe to make them think. I'm sure they read the fine print in the back as well as the headlines and features in the front of GCN.

Cindy Green
Worcester, MA

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the jesuits

Dear Person,

Having heard from Tom Durand (1/12/80), of Jesuit-formed conscience, and from Joel Hencken (2/2/80), who is "not a child of the Jesuits," your readers may just be interested in hearing from an actual Jesuit. It has not been my experience that Jesuits are given to advocating the kind of public confession that Durand is blaming himself for not making. If anything, Jesuits have a reputation (not *always* deserved) of a certain sophistry in such matters, assuaging the pangs of conscience with a twist of logic and a dash of ethics. We might, for example, quote the Philosopher: "In medio stat virtus" — virtue lies neither in the compulsion to conceal nor the compulsion to confess, but in the mean of living honestly to oneself and to those one can call community.

When I first read Durand's letter, I was bothered by his useless chagrin, but did not know how to respond to it. Hencken's analysis of it is excellent, especially the parts about the direction of anger and the need to depend on the larger community.

On another note, the interview with Guy Hocquenghem is one of the best things I've seen in GCN in a long time. It made me recall a time, a few years back, when there were many more such pieces in GCN, i.e., articles and interviews highlighting the side of gay life which *can never* be accommodated to the structures and strictures of straight society rather than the side which can.

I'm all for the struggle to pass legislation and do away with useless regulations, but that is not the heart of gay existence for me. I guess what I'm saying is that I'd like to see a lot more of the anarchy and recklessness of *Fag Rag* find its way into the pages of GCN. It would make for a more balanced publication, more true to gay reality. Even though *FR* is more or less a male preserve, I have seen women's publications which are quite as irreverent, so I don't think men have a monopoly on that type of badly needed iconoclasm. Radical gays and radical feminists may not be a majority of your readers, but neither are they an insignificant minority.

In solidarity,

Joe Owens S.J.
Middlefield, CT

families

Dear Persons:

ON Jan. 27 the regional Governor's Conference on Families (in preparation for the White House Conference on Families) took place in New York City.

The Conference was usual in the sense of participants responding to it in terms of the particular workshop they attended. The beautiful part of it, however, was the unusually large number of lesbian/gay people who attended. Although no organized political action was planned, lesbian/gay people made their presence felt throughout the Conference in various ways — such as agreed upon definitions of "family," and pro-lesbian/gay statements intended as a message to the White House Conference planned for June of 1980. Following is a statement made by the workshop I attended composed of about ten lesbian women, five gay men, and an equal number of (presumed) heterosexuals. It is a message we want to communicate loud and clearly to the White House. It is offered here with the hope that lesbian/gay persons attending these conferences across the nation will make similar statements and perhaps the White House will finally realize that "family" means more than 2.4 kids and 2.7 station wagons (or is it vice versa?)

We recommend the following as a first step in addressing lesbian/gay oppression in the United States:

I. Executive support of the intent of the present legislative bills: HR 2074 and S 2081.
II. Executive support for the need to declare unconstitutional:

a. . . federal, state, and municipal laws which are used against lesbian/gay persons; such as, but not limited to, laws prohibiting sexual acts between consenting adults.

b. . . anti lesbian/gay, adult/children, discrimination in adoption, custody, and foster care.

c. . . tax restrictions, insurance laws and financial considerations which do not recognize lesbian/gay relationships as equally valid to those of heterosexual people.

d. . . immigration and naturalization policies which bar lesbian/gay persons from the same rights to entry and naturalization to which heterosexual people are entitled.

III. A declaration of unacceptability concerning:
a. . . negative depiction of lesbian/gay persons in the media, and the need for positive lesbian/gay media depiction.

b. . . lack of appropriate police protection and the unacceptability of police harassment.

c. . . lack of appropriate provisions for lesbian/gay children in the educational system.

d. . . lack of appropriate provisions within the health care and mental health care systems.

Ron Balint
Brooklyn, NY

gerald walker

Gerald Walker,

I have just read an interview with you in the *Philadelphia Gay News*. I have not read your book, *Cruising*, although from the start, having talked with a friend who had, it was clear to me that the subject of the book was a valid one and the structure of your tale, interesting.

I am an organizer of the group called Stop the Movie *Cruising* in San Francisco. I have not seen the movie either, but all reports — from an interview with the director/writer, from reading the June script, from reactions to the protests — indicate that within our cultural and historical context this film will be the most violent, reactionary attack on gay people since the wheel we were drawn on in the middle-ages.

It is precisely as you point out in the interview, that the difference between the movie and the book is the difference between investigating the subject matter — homophobia — and glorifying it.

I do not object to the film because of "violence." It is at whom and how the violence is directed.

I do not object to the film due to the subculture it exploits (those images are erotic to me). It is the depravity of presenting something subtle, even occasionally esoteric, innately critical of the society from which it springs, presented however, without subtlety, without understanding, without dimension, and in fact misrepresenting the anti-gay violence itself, which is objectionable.

It is the mistreatment of the anti-gay scene that serves as a backdrop for this film that I object to. It is the implication that we are as self-inflictingly violent as the society that seeks to wipe us out that further justifies that attack.

And it is for these excesses and failings that I seek to stop not only the movie but the cultural trends that both fuel it and fuel off of it.

I am sure you agree with me that gays have a right to live, that the gadflies of traditional heterosexual homophobic society should not be destroyed — and with us the entire sociological ecology chain. That we protest this film for the preservation of the human race is hardly an exaggeration.

And that if you agree with these principles, I encourage you to ignore any person's swiping attacks you have received and join with us in protesting that travesty of your contribution to human understanding.

Sincerely,

Konstantin Berlandt
San Francisco, CA

Editor's Note: Gerald Walker, as well as being the author of the novel *Cruising*, is the Culture Editor of The New York Times Magazine.

the lesbian path

Dear GCN,

I appreciate both the care and the enthusiasm with which Malda Tilchen reviewed *The Lesbian Path*, an anthology I edited. One note: the address of the distributor, given at the beginning of the review, has been changed to:

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Speaking Out

Boycott *Cruising* and Join the Picket Line

By Mitzel

Since last Nov., I've been working with the ad hoc Boston Gays and Lesbians Against Violence to organize a local boycott of *Cruising*. This is part of a national boycott. The group has also called for a picketing of the film on 15 Feb., at 7:30 pm outside the downtown Boston theatre where it will be showing.

While working on these efforts, certain standard questions have come up. I'd like to share my responses to these as well as lay to rest a few canards that have been thrown in our path.

1) Why bother? It's just another trashy picture. Yes, it is a piece of Hollywood *merde*, but it's a \$15 million one that is being used as a vehicle to make fast profits off depicting the murders of gay men. Though there is a steady stream of entertainment products deserving protest, *Cruising* has brought our anger to a head. There's something strange and sinister about a film that must be shot behind armed cars, police barricades and mounted cops to keep back the angry people whose lives the film is exploiting. There's something strange and sinister about a movie when its own star, who by contract has final edit rights, has to sue to see the movie. There's something strange and sinister about a movie that will have no local press screening, no press kits, no clips or stills for the media. *What are they hiding?* There's also something strange about filmmakers and exhibitors who suddenly wrap themselves up in Bill-of-Rights-drag to protect their massive investment and then dump on gay activists, towards whom they have shown not one iota of cooperation from the beginning. *The depiction of homosexuals in Hollywood product as victims and villains must stop.* If *Cruising* craps out at the box-office, it'll be a long time before another Friedkin raises the scratch to film fag-snuffs as cheap thrills for straight audiences.

2) But won't pickets sell tickets? This is a favorite lie of the entertainment industry. All publicity, some assume, must automatically increase a product's popularity. This is naive. Did Anita Bryant sell more tickets in Boston once the homosexuals announced a march and rally against her? No. On the contrary, she had to cancel. Oscar Wilde's epigram to the contrary, all publicity is not good publicity — and, I'd add, particularly when it involves homosexuals. We are a group of people still much hated and feared. Hucksters out to fleece the straights do best to avoid entangling us in their schemes. They always lose. If each and every one of us boycotts the movie, asks gay and sympathetic straight friends to follow suit, that might be the profit margin right there. A concerted campaign to bad-mouth the film will also help. One friend of mine who saw the film at a secret Boston screening told me that the straight men in the audience were quite uncomfortable watching long sequences of gay backroom action. Unsuspecting straights should be informed that what they will see includes faggots pissing on each other, fist-fucking, cocks chopped off, etc. This will likely turn them around and bee-line them for less gruesome family fare.

3) How can you denounce a movie you haven't seen? We haven't seen it because all our requests for a screening have been refused. Many of us have read the script, have followed the project since last summer and hope we are aware enough to spot a threat before it is upon us. This brings up the matter of Alan Friedberg. Mr. Friedberg, head of the Boston-area Sack Theatre chain as well as President of the National Association of Theatre Operators (NATO), has shown bad faith to our group from the beginning. He and other exhibitors across the country are spreading rumors that gay people are organizing to commit violent acts — paint bombs, smoke bombs, disruptions, etc. — at their theatres. This falsehood recalls Howard Phillips' libelous statement (during Anita's visit) that "militant homosexuals are out buying high-power rifles" to off him and Anita. Friedberg has not met with our committee, has not expressed any concern about the public safety of gays while *Cruising* plays at his theatres, and yet he has complained to the local media that he's been feeling "muscle from the Mayor's office" just because Robin MacCormack spoke with him about arranging a screening for concerned gay activists. Friedberg intimidated one of his gay employees to find out what secret machination "the gays are up to." Admittedly, Friedberg is not in an enviable position. He "blind bid" on this controversial stinker last fall and risks losing a lot of precious cash. Yet to take a full-page ad in *The New York Times* (as he did 4 Feb. '80) and blame gay people for his woes is a falsehood beyond excuse. The Boston Gays and Lesbians Against Violence have made it clear that Mr. Friedberg, and the corporation he represents, will be held responsible should any gay person be attacked, beaten or murdered during *Cruising's* run here in Boston. I am deeply moved by Mr. Friedberg's advertised (and convenient) commitment to First Amendment protections. It makes up, but not quite, for his homophobia and greed.

4) **Militant gays want to bury this film because they are ashamed of Leather Sex and don't want any straights to see What Really Goes On.** I don't know where this line came from (I suspect from sell-out careerists eager to get in on the production) but it is most developed by John Devere, editor-in-chief of *Mandate*. He suggests that those protesting *Cruising* are "disturbed militants, fat dykes and sissy fluffs." This red-gay-baiting is a familiar tactic for straight-identified homosexuals, and each new crisis seems to bring it

Community Voices

iran and gay revolution

Dear *GCN*,

I am writing to respond to Marc Rubin's letter (Feb. 2) which says lesbians and gay men shouldn't support pro-Iran demonstrations. As a supporter of the Revolutionary Socialist League (RSL) I have marched in several such demonstrations. I think this helps the struggle for lesbians and gay liberation.

We have to distinguish between our allies and our enemies. Marc's letter says, "gay people have natural allies" but gives a limited definition of who those allies are. I think our allies are *the working class and all oppressed people*. Our oppressors spread racism, sexism, and anti-gay prejudice among us so we won't recognize the need for this alliance. But lesbians and gay men face the same enemy as the Iranians. The same rightwingers who attack us are attacking Iranian students (they even shout anti-gay insults at the Iranians like "the Ayatollah sucks"). And the U.S. government's Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is deporting Iranians at the

same time as it refuses lesbians and gay men into the country. Could the need for an alliance be any clearer?

The question posed by the embassy takeover is whether we will stand with our allies, the oppressed people of Iran, or with our enemy, U.S. imperialism. The CIA installed the Shah in 1953. The Shah assured the oil companies of huge profits, and the U.S. of domination over the surrounding region. Meanwhile, the majority of Iranians faced brutal oppression. They are still fighting the U.S. government — the same government which oppresses us as lesbians and gay men.

Supporting Iran does not mean supporting Khomeini or accepting his repression of lesbians and gay men. It means supporting the struggle of the working class and oppressed people of Iran. Today that struggle is primarily directed against the U.S. Khomeini holds back this struggle as he pretends to lead it. He would gladly make a deal

with the U.S. but he faces tremendous pressure from the Iranian people. He would like the U.S. to help him oppress the working class, the peasants, the national minorities (in Kurdistan, Azerbaijan, and elsewhere), women, lesbians, and gay men. These forces all hate the U.S. They all have reason to fight against Khomeini. Any victories they win over the U.S. may embolden them to fight for complete liberation — which would take the struggle out from under Khomeini's control.

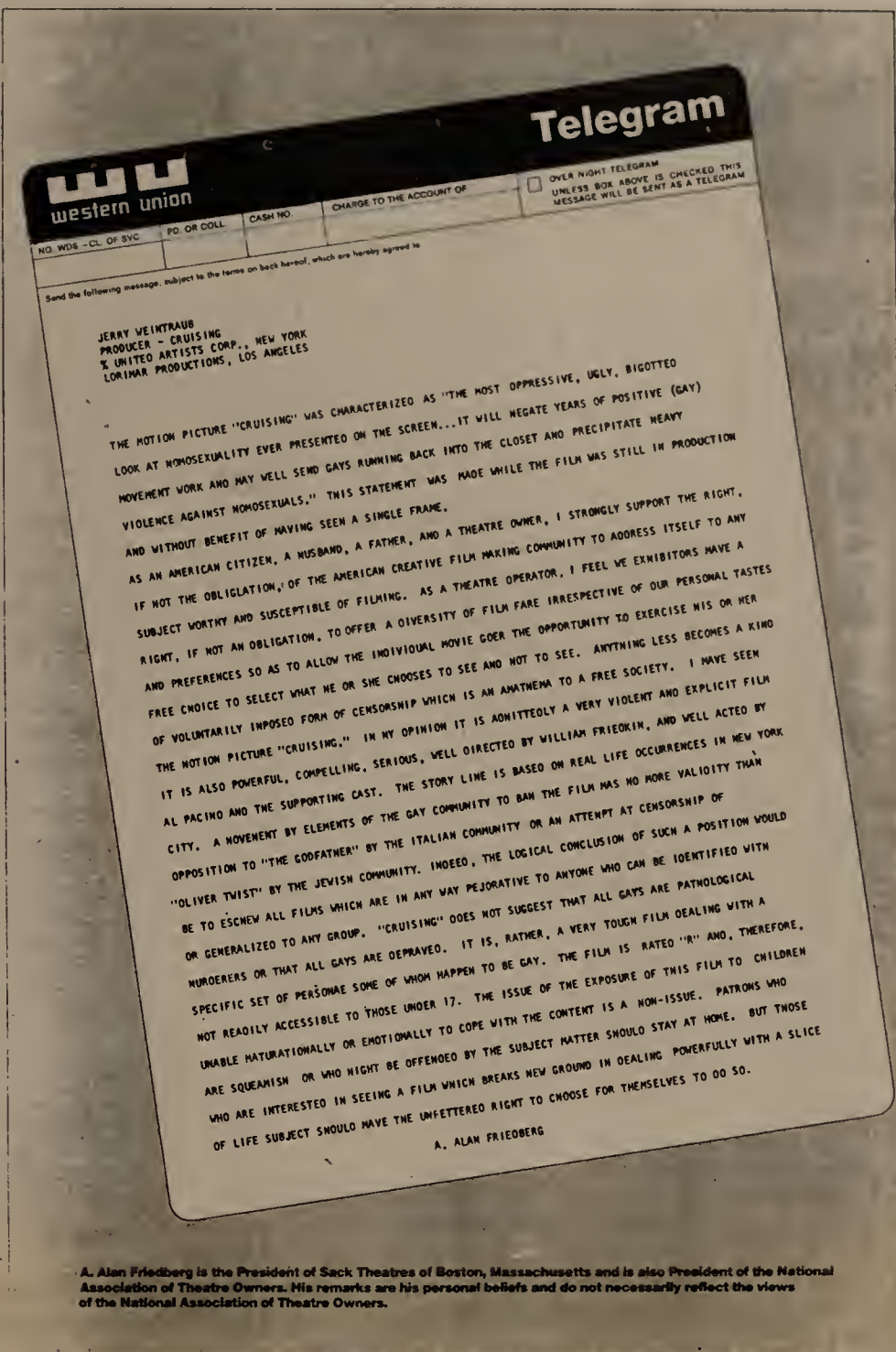
A good example of this is the Iranian women's movement. Women played an important role in fighting the Shah and began to get a sense of their power. Then Khomeini turned around and ordered women to wear the oppressive chador (veil). Women resisted in massive demonstrations and forced Khomeini to back down (he said it was "only a suggestion"). Iranian women have already stepped out of their traditional roles in some ways — carrying arms and playing an ac-

tive role in political life. This process is contradictory. Khomeini is trying to repress women and many women unfortunately accept Khomeini as their leader. But any step forward increases the chances that Iranian women will go beyond Khomeini's control. This could open the way for a lesbian and gay movement to develop openly.

None of this will happen automatically. The only way it will happen is if revolutionaries in Iran consciously forge an alliance that will overthrow Khomeini in order to fight the U.S. more effectively than he will, and fight for everybody's liberation. Lesbians and gay men must play an active role in this alliance.

Lesbians and gay men in the U.S. will not help our sisters and brothers in Iran by siding with the U.S. government — the enemy of all oppressed Iranians (and our enemy as well). Our first job is to fight the U.S. government and its imperialism, racism, and sexism. This will put us in an alliance that can topple the capitalist system that oppresses us all.

Paul Carson Detroit, MI



out. There always will be, it appears, a certain group of homosexuals who would rather run out and apologize for the actions of straight exploiters than understand and support other gay men and lesbians.

5) Didn't Friedkin admit that what he really was doing was making a film to encourage gay men to avoid promiscuous sex and settle down in a nice pair-bonded unit? All I can say is that Billy Friedkin's belated concern for the emotional adaptation of gay men is a mutant twin to Alan Friedberg's crocodile tears for his beloved First Amendment.

We live in a world of scarce resources and constant denial. Money and power, as they currently exist, are allocated in ways over which we have no control. That *Cruising* got made at all is a statement and a provocation. That those who now risk losing their shirts on this stink-o clunker are wrapping themselves in Morality (Friedberg, in his *Times* ad, announced proudly that he was “an American citizen, a husband and a father”) and in false constitutional arguments, blaming *us* for the results of their own greed and stupidity is further flagrant provocation.

We may not yet be able to remake the world as we would have it. But we do now have the power to exercise our veto on theirs when we choose. We can shut *Cruising* down where it hurts them the most — at the box-office.

I'll be picketing *Cruising* Friday, 15 Feb. Hope you'll be there too.

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Cruising is Target Of National Protests

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ences to alert the straight press to the issues. It is hoped that representatives from the print and electronic media will be in attendance.

Another tactic of educating the public will be a picketing of generally one major theatre in each area where the film will appear. Although many theatres in each area may be showing the film, one or, at the most, two locations will be chosen for a demonstration to provide greater coordination and media visibility. Leaflets will be handed out before and during most of the demonstrations. Some will give a synopsis of the movie and also give the reasons for the current opposition while demanding an end to violence against lesbians and gay men. Many groups will be calling, in the leaflets and at the press conferences, for a boycott aimed at hurting the filmmakers at the box office. The demonstrations are being planned as non-violent in nature. However, a few organizers said that they would not disavow those protestors who choose to take a "more direct" course of action.

Another trend GCN observed is the formation of coalitions which have come together to protest the movie's opening. Those groups which have recently organized to oppose the movie *Windows*, another United Artists film, are joining in the efforts to combat *Cruising*, as are some anti-nuclear power groups, feminist groups, socialist groups and progressive church groups, thus providing a broader base of support. Many of these groups are attempting to raise needed funds to defray the cost of printing, mailing, and phone calls in a number of ways.

Some are asking for contributions or pledges, while others are holding poetry reading benefits or dances.

The film company has provided very little information concerning the opening. In many cases this has forced organizers to wait until very recently to make many of the tactical decisions necessary for the demonstrations. In many areas, U.A. has withheld the names of the specific theatres which are to show the film. In some instances, they have given false information or changed the site. Organizers from many regions of the country have asked United Artists for a local screening of the movie — common policy for most films. However, U.A. has declined all requests and planned only one media screening, which was on February 4 in New York City at the Manhattan I and II Theatre.

Arthur Bell, author and *Village Voice* columnist and an organizer against *Cruising* in New York, told GCN, "Only those who were on the regular list of media critics were invited to the screening." Bell submitted to Sheldon Rothskin of U.A. a list of fifteen people whose presence at the screening Bell termed "essential," but Rothskin turned down the request.

There was a closed screening at the Lorimar Productions foreign distributors convention held at the La Costa Country Club in southern California January 20-24. (Lorimar is a subdivision of U.A.) Secret screenings for some theatre owners and promoters have taken place in some areas of the country. However, these have been closed to the press and community groups.

GCN contacted the Director of Publicity for United Artists in New York and asked her why the details of the movie's opening seemed so secretive. Her reply was, "I cannot comment on any questions surrounding this movie," and she refused to give her name. A similar reply was given by U.A.'s regional director of publicity in Boston.

It is too early to know what the results of the demonstrations will be. Possibly other theatres will take the lead of the General Cinema Corporation, which recently cancelled its agreement with United Artists in refusing to show the film in any of its theatres. Unconfirmed reports indicate that other theatre operators are planning similar actions, while still others are considering moving the film from their downtown theatres to theatres in suburban shopping malls in an attempt to discourage protest demonstrations.

One of the results of the campaign to stop the movie *Cruising* has been the formation of an informal communication network linking the various areas together. Groups are sharing information and tactical strategies with one another. The National Gay Task Force is sending organizing packets to local groups and the Metropolitan Community Church of New York has an extensive mailing list and contacts around the country on this issue. Whatever the results of the demonstrations, it has become clear that the movies *Cruising* and *Windows* have become a definite rallying point for the community.

Dutch Protest US Laws Barring Gay Aliens

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gration of Homosexuality COC states:

In implementing the Immigration and Nationality Act, consular officers at our two Consulates General in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, where visas are issued in The Netherlands, carry out the following practice regarding the question of homosexuality:

(a) The visa application form does not inquire into the applicant's sexual preferences.

(b) Consular officers do not routinely ask applicants if they are homosexual.

(c) If an applicant should voluntarily indicate that he/she is homosexual, the consular officer still may issue a visa by requesting a waiver of ineligibility from the INS office in Frankfurt. Based on the recommendation of the consular officer, this office has been granting the requested waivers without delay.

Stating the official U.S. government position with regard to lesbian and gay male citizens of The Netherlands who wish to come to the U.S., Counselor for Information and Cultural Affairs Frederic S. Mabbatt said in his letter to Bol:

The effect of these procedures is that the issue of homosexuality does not arise for Dutch applicants who do not indicate that they are homosexual, and that no Dutch person otherwise eligible for a visa will be unable to visit the United States simply because he/she has informed us that he/she is homosexual.

The lesbians who demonstrated at the U.S. Consulate, however, disagree with Mabbatt's statement. A leaflet distributed at the Consulate declared:

In order to obtain a visa to enter the U.S. you must fill in an application form. You will be required to sign a statement swearing that you do not belong to any of certain categories forbidden entry to the U.S., one of which is "homosexual." Since there is virtually no way the Consul can determine your sexual preference, it will probably be your choice whether you furnish truthful information on this point. If you admit being homosexual, you may be granted special permission to visit the U.S. in spite of your psychopathic personality. In that case, you will receive a special stamp in your passport. Remember the pink triangle?

More than 1,000 lesbians and gay men marched through the streets of the Hague Centre in a one-hour walk to the U.S. Embassy on Jan. 26. A rally was held at the embassy, where speakers included six members of Parliament, the COC's Rob Pistor, and Bear Capron and Frances Meyer, both of whom had been issued visas to the U.S. and later requested revocation of the visas in protest of the exclusion of gay men and lesbians. Entertainment at the rally was provided by Het Valsche Nichtenkoor, "a boys' choir with a difference," and by Sonnika and Gre, who, like the choir, had composed songs for the occasion.

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What is happening around the country?

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Mall and asked them to cancel the showing of the film. If the film is not withdrawn, these representatives have promised to institute a picket line and boycott of the entire mall complex on February 15. The owners, who own both the theatre and the mall, indicated that they would take the matter under consideration.

San Francisco

The committee, Stop the Movie *Cruising* (SMC), staged a demonstration on Friday, February 1, against TransAmerica, the corporate headquarters of United Artists. The 100 protesters presented TransAmerica with signed petitions calling for a stop to the opening of *Cruising* and *Windows* and also denounced the contributions TransAmerica made in 1978 to the Briggs for Governor campaign in California. State Sen. John Briggs was the sponsor of the state-wide Proposition 6 which would have eliminated all job protection for lesbian and gay teachers in the state of California. Briggs also sponsored a proposition to reinstate the California death penalty.

Originally scheduled to be shown at the General Cinema's Ghirardelli Theatre, the new location in San Francisco for *Cruising* has been withheld by World Wide Advertising and Publicity Corporation (WWAPC) of New York. GCN contacted Hy Smith, Vice President of WWAPC, and asked him for the San Francisco location of the film. He declared that he knows where the film will be shown, but "at the request of the San Francisco Police Department, I cannot give out that information to protect the theatre from threats and vandalism."

Konstantin Berlandt, an SMC organizer, has reason to believe that the movie will be shown at the St. Francis Theatre on Market Street. People who wish to take

part in a picket line on February 15 are asked to check local movie listings.

SMC has planned other events in its attempt to educate the community and raise funds. These events include an open discussion of the issues at Everett Jr. High School on February 7 at 7:30 p.m.; a poetry reading and fund raiser scheduled for February 11 at 8:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka Street; and a concert on February 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Women's Building, 3541 18th Street.

Other demonstrations in the San Francisco Bay Area are planned for Berkeley, Oakland, Santa Cruz, Palo Alto, Hayward, Pleasant Hill, Santa Rosa, and possibly San Jose.

Washington State

A spokesperson for the Dorian Society in the state of Washington stated that to his understanding, *Cruising* has not been booked in Washington. "Blind bids" were taken for *Cruising*. This is the practice of bidding for the right to air a film without first viewing it. Washington forbids "blind bids" and for that reason, at present, the film is not scheduled for showing.

New York City

A coalition of 50-75 people representing the Responsive Gay Collective, the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Film Makers, the National Gay Task Force, the Gay Media Alliance, the Gay Activists Alliance, and Youth Against War and Fascism picketed the media screening of *Cruising* in front of the Manhattan I and II Theatre on February 4. A producer of *Windows*, as well as William Friedkin, the producer of *Cruising*, attended the screening. Thirty to 40 police officers were in view within and outside the theatre and a police bus was parked around the corner. The demonstration was non-

violent and no arrests were made. On leaving the theatre, some of the participants of the screening applauded the demonstrators and yelled words of encouragement and support.

The coalition is planning demonstrations at the movie's opening on February 15 at the Manhattan I and II Theatre at 59th Ave. and 3rd St., and at the National Theatre in Times Square.

Houston

A coalition of lesbians and gay men requested a screening from the director of the PLITT Theatre chain in Houston, only to be informed that a \$250 fee would be required. This same coalition contacted an official of the American Multi Cinema (AMC) chain requesting a cancellation of the film in AMC theatres. The coalition announced that AMC has pledged to cancel the film at their Greenway Theatre in Houston and has also promised to recommend to United Artists in Dallas that the movie not be shown anywhere in Texas. If the film is shown, the group has tentatively scheduled a boycott and the placing of one or two pickets with informational leaflets stationed at each theatre in the area where the film is showing.

An idea has been proposed of individual donations to the United Fund of the price of admission that people would be saving by not going to the film. This would allow the group to monitor how effective their boycott has been while helping a worthy charity.

Representatives from the "Montrose Brigade" are planning to meet with local police officials to inform the department of the concerns within the gay and lesbian community if the movie is shown. The brigade is similar in function to the "Butterfly Brigade" in San Francisco which undertakes patrols in an unofficial capacity in an attempt to reduce

violence in the streets.

GCN would like to update our reporting of actions directed around the movies *Cruising* and *Windows* across the country. If your group has organized activities, please send us a short synopsis of the event and include leaflets and other pertinent literature. Send all information to: *Cruising*

and *Windows* Actions, c/o GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

A GCN reporter attended the Feb. 4 press screening of *Cruising* in New York City. Next week GCN will print his impressions and observations concerning the film.

Appleby Trial Goes Into Third Week

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Appleby was arrested June 13, 1978.

Appleby established that he obtained a job for Junkin at a local K-Mart store and that he also got Junkin enrolled at the University of Massachusetts. Junkin quit his job and refused to attend college. He and Appleby had a falling out over what Appleby characterized as Junkin's personal lack of discipline. After this incident, Junkin went to New York and told police unsubstantiated stories linking Appleby to murder. In May 1978, Appleby met Junkin in New York and over a meal at Sardi's, Junkin told Appleby: "I don't need you anymore." In New York, Junkin moved in with Doyle.

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, Appleby took the stand in his own defense. Since he is acting *pro se*, Appleby has been instructed by Judge Tamburello to ask himself questions from the defense table and then answer the questions from the witness box. The judge has demonstrated his impatience with this lengthy trial: "This should have ended in two or three days." Tamburello also rebuked Appleby for his "Sherman tank and rhinoceros-type tactics." Tamburello has refused to allow any of Junkin's sexual history to

be introduced. Junkin denied knowing anything about S&M sexuality except what he read in books.

Carrie Junkin, upon his arrival in Springfield, was indicted on 10 counts — kidnapping, rape and assault upon Doyle — but was released in custody of his lawyer, Ellen Kaplan. When Appleby was initially arrested in June 1978 on these same charges, his bail was set at \$500,000.

Despite Asst. D.A. Diane Dillon's characterization of Junkin's testimony as "damaging" to Appleby's case, there were many reported discrepancies between Junkin's story and Doyle's. Junkin also repeatedly took the Fifth Amendment. Dillon got ill during one day's testimony and asked for an early adjournment. Two members of the 16-member sequestered jury have been excused on account of the flu.

The trial, now in its third week, is expected to end by Friday, Feb. 8. A verdict is possible by the beginning of the week. Dillon has told the court that if Appleby is found guilty on the kidnapping charge, the Commonwealth will seek a life sentence. She told GCN "I just want to get this thing over with."



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By Ed Mead

Blaming the Victim

The other day I was reading a gay oriented publication when I noticed a letter from another gay prisoner. The letter reflected an attitude common among straight prisoners and some segments of the gay community on the outside, but one I had never before seen expressed by a confined homosexual. The essence of the letter, which can be found in the summer issue of *RFD: A Country Gay Journal* is that gay prisoners who are being raped, prostituted, extorted, and even murdered by their straight counterparts on the inside are not the victims of sexist homophobia or gay oppression, but are, rather, messed up individuals who create problems for themselves because they are not "good convicts" or are "insecure in who they are."

This is not a new line either inside or out. There are always those who will see gay victims of homophobia as suffering from a personal problem rather than a political one. These people, like the author of the *RFD* letter, ask us to blame our oppression on our own in-

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dividual weaknesses. It is the opinion of the writer of the offending letter that homosexual prisoners cannot escape the sexist laws and role-playing of straight convictdom, and that we should therefore stop crying about the terrorism being waged against us by our fellow captives. We less-together prisoners are told to get ourselves together or to check into protective custody.

I am a commie-fag who is trying to be proud of who and what I am. This is my fourth year of my fourth stint in prison and I have not yet been a victim, but this was only because I came out in the last few years. Moreover, as the writer of the letter would emphasize, I am reasonably secure in who and what I am doing. I'm in prison for attempting to kill two police officers (a genuine bum beef) and am alleged to be part of a group of mad bombers. Although I have not been subjected to physical violence on a personal level, I've seen it happen to others often enough to know it is real. And lest I be tempted to ignore its realness, there is the constant barrage of verbal and other forms of indirect oppression to remind me. Calling someone "cocksucker" is the lowest form of insult one prisoner can inflict on another. It is a term one hears used in a negative way many times a day. Every time I hear this beautiful act of love degraded I feel a little pain somewhere.

No individual who claims to love freedom and justice can smugly sit back and dismiss prisoners' victimization in the name of "low ego-strength" or "lacking confidence." It has been my experience that it is the rapist who is insecure in his sexuality, and that he usually masks this insecurity with the worst aspects of macho aggression. Of course many of us fags are less than confident, especially in the prison setting, but, given the prevalent atmosphere of homophobia and other forms of sexism in U.S. society as a whole, it is not surprising that unorganized and often isolated gays respond to their situation in a manner that fails to meet the standards of supermacho convictdom.

Things aren't as bad now as they were a few years ago, at least not at the prisons I've visited in the last year (Walla Walla, Marion, Leavenworth, and now Brushy Mountain Prison here in Tennessee), but it was not all that long ago that I was seeing the outright buying and selling of gay prisoners, rape and so on. I know these



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are a part of society and must be treated as such. Yet we are treated like slaves. In fact the Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution specifically sanctions slavery for prisoners. We are trying to create an alternative to this mindless destruction of valuable human potential. We do not see crime as an individual problem, just as we don't see gay oppression as a personal problem, but instead see it as the weaknesses of a social order being manifested through individuals. Instead of ignoring this element and the social forces giving rise to its existence, people should see it as a weakness in the fabric of our community. Hence, if the garment of our community is weak in spots we don't do like the ruling

Men Against Sexism did anti-sexist skits for other prisoners, screened feminist movies on the inside, distributed progressive literature to the prison population, and, most importantly, maintained an active crisis intervention program for gay and weaker prisoners.

class and throw the whole thing away, but instead rush support and strengthen to that area, like a patch. Similarly, the gay community must recognize and take a portion of responsibility for gay prisoners. Gay prisoners must be listened to in a serious way. The foundation for new approaches to this problem can be created while destroying the old ones. With the foregoing in mind I'll briefly outline some aspects of the situation at Walla Walla today.

The Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla is an institution where the prisoners not only have a relatively high level of consciousness, but also possess a deep commitment to struggling. In the past three years there have been three directors of corrections, three wardens, and three associate wardens of custody at Walla Walla. These few years are the culmination of a decade of determined resistance by prisoners. The last half of the decade was marked by the longest prison strike in state history and energetic outside support. The struggle on the inside has been given conscious political overtones by gay and Native American prisoners. Support from the outside has been led by lesbian women, gays, and Native American groups, and has included armed attacks on symbols of prisoner oppression, "semi-legal" work such as throwing pies in the face of the director of corrections, and legal work such as lawsuits, demonstrations, and press conferences.

In the last year a lieutenant was killed while attempting to disarm a pipe-bomb allegedly made by a prisoner. Last June a sergeant is said to have been stabbed to death by an Indian in the prison's mess hall.

Several other guards have lost an eye, fingers, or have been otherwise wounded in what the bourgeois media has termed an ongoing war. These incidents took place in the context of guards beating chained up prisoners, shooting unarmed prisoners inside a cellhouse, putting soap in their pudding, purex in the coffee, and urine in prisoners salt. Worse yet, guards manipulate reactionary prisoners into murdering prisoners with strong anti-administration leanings.

On May 4, 1979 one of the original organizers of Men Against Sexism, Carl Harp, with two other men, took over the prison's classification building and seized 10 hostages in an effort to draw public attention to the criminal conditions existing inside the prison. At the same time Native American prisoners led hundreds of supporters in surrounding and trying to protect the men on the inside of the classification building, and continued to do so until driven off by tear gas attacks and clubs. Prisoners in Eight Wing tore their sinks and toilets out of their cells in protest to the denial of showers and hot food for 27 days. The response was a vicious riot by guards. Prisoners in the segregation unit are always engaged in bitter self-defense efforts against the attacks of their captors. Nearly two dozen Walla Walla prisoners have been subjected to involuntary out-of-state transfers in less than a year. This writer, an ex-chairperson of M.A.S., is in Tennessee; Star Carter, an ex-vice chairperson of M.A.S. is at Marion; and Carl Harp, an ex-secretary of M.A.S. is at San Quentin in California.

The Jackson-Russel Report

Prisoners at Walla Walla have been so badly abused by guards that the reactionary governor Ray was forced to authorize an investigation into prisoner allegations of brutality. The Jackson/Russel Report is the product of that investigation. Ray tried to suppress the report but copies fell into the hands of lawyers for the prisoners. What follows is an outline of the report's ac-



Star Carter, for Vice-Chairperson of Men Against Sexism and recent out-of-state transfer victim from Walla Walla



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count of segregation prisoners on the night of July 8, 1979. The report states that Lt. Talbot was the first guard to enter Danny Atteberry's cell, B-7, followed by Benzel and Mathieson, with Officer Crow guarding the cell door. Atteberry, a former Treasurer of M.A.S. was at that point handcuffed to the bars of his cell. Although it was clear that Atteberry never resisted and was not out of control (JR p.10), Talbot sprayed mace in Atteberry's face. Crow struck Atteberry with his billy club and Officer Meyers punched him in the solar plexus. (JR, p.10) Atteberry was recuffed with his hands behind his back, all the while being beaten with cuffs, thrown to the floor, and repeatedly kicked in the face — one boot leaving a large gash under his chin. Officer Meyers then picked him up and threw him head first into the concrete wall while hitting him with a baton. Many other prisoners were subjected to the same treatment, or worse.

Carl Harp was one of those beaten bloody that night. After Carl was maced, stomped, beaten with lead-lined gloves, pounded upon with clubs, and had his hands cuffed behind his back, guard Neugent was observed jamming his baton up Carl's rectum and moving it up and down while shouting with other guards about how they would "fix" the "punks" of M.A.S. Harp was later given a polygraph examination, the results of which indicated that he responded truthfully when he answered "no" to the question: "Did you lie when you said a guard shoved a night stick up your rectum?" (JR, p.12) The *Seattle Post Intelligencer* of Sept. 3, 1979, in an article by Gil Bailey on page A-3 states: "Medical reports obtained by the P.I. appear to confirm Harp's allegation that he was raped by a guard's night stick. . . . The lacerations inside the anus, almost an inch long, was discovered by inserting an anoscope into Harp, . . ." A 1/2" tear on the left anterior quadrant of the rectum was noted in a medical examination of Harp conducted the day following the rape and beating of segregation prisoners by guards. No guard has ever been charged for rape or any of the assault on caged and helpless prisoners. Instead the violence against Walla Walla's prisoners continued to grow, causing a federal judge to issue an order enjoining the warden and his goons from inflicting physical and verbal assaults on prisoners, an order that they all but ignore.

Because I'm writing for a gay audience my focus in this article is on the problems of gay prisoners trying to survive and grow on the inside. But there are others at Walla Walla who presently suffer an even more intense threat to their existence, and these are our Native American brothers who are under individual and group attack. Two Indians have been murdered since last June. The man most recently murdered is said to have been a key defense witness in the trial of two other Indians facing hanging beefs for their alleged killing of a guard. For more information write Jimmy Simmons, P.O. Box 520, Walla Walla, WA 99362. They need every level of support.

Another area of community concern should be for the physical and emotional well being of Rita D. Brown. Rita is a lesbian and a former member of Seattle's George Jackson Brigade. She was serving a federal bank robbery sentence when officials at Alderson women's prison locked her up as punishment for her friendship with the escaped Assata Shakur. Rita is locked up for nothing. Since she lost her job in the prison garage she has no source of income for stamps and the like. People should write to Rita Brown 21813-170, P.O. Box A, Alderson, West Virginia 24910, and see how she's doing.

Ricky Young, my partner, and I are spearheading the struggle to return the nearly two dozen Walla Walla exiles who have been transferred to prisons in other parts of the country because of their political activities to the Northwest. We expect to have a civil rights complaint on the issue filed by the end of the month. We need stamps, people who can do copying, etc. Interested persons should write to Ed Mead 00911, Brushy Mountain Prison, Petros, Tennessee 37845, and find out what needs to be done with respect to this issue.

Gay prisoners are the most oppressed segment of the gay community. There can be no gay liberation as long as a segment of our communities is daily subjected to state-inspired homophobic terrorism. Help gay prisoners to organize for self-defense. Work to build an organization of revolutionary gay people on the streets too. The prison struggle is important because it tends to cut across lines of race, sex, and class, and thus works to unify the movement as a whole.

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The Politics of Valentines

By Kore J. Sapphire

Valentine's Day is here, store windows and newspapers bursting with pink images of doilies, cards to send to your lover, mother, boss or dog; blonde cupid with arrows dipped in unknown potion. We can exchange lavender hearts, fashion cupid into some kind of labyris-slinging protectress and trade in the lace-edged cards for denim or leather.

Holy days and customs are powerful tools. The patriarchy knows this. They wouldn't have stolen our festivals if they didn't need them. They wouldn't lie to us about these days if they were unimportant.

The winter is one long nightmare of men's holy days, rip-offs of the old matriarchal religions and celebrations of massacres. Beginning with Hallowmass, the night of the dark goddess, the avenging mother. First, they killed all the wimmin who could heal, all the wise wimmin (wicce). Set them ablaze to light the cold european nights, for witches burn better than torches any time. Then, they named the wimmin dangerous. "They could fly. Their skin was green and warty. Cats followed them. You could tell no man would ever love them."

Weeks later, the Thanksgiving outrage is celebrated. A purely North American observance, it

began in Connecticut in the 1600s when colonial troops attacked Native Americans who were celebrating the green corn ceremony. Nine hundred people were massacred, and the governor of Connecticut declared, "We will remember this day as Thanksgiving, for the power the Lord has given us to civilize this savage land."

How could we reclaim this day?

In December, all knowledge of the winter solstice, the longest night, is buried under 2000 years of Christian rape. Christmas seems like another massacre, a season to break down the fine strong lesbians: we struggle with guilt for not seeing parents, or culture shock from seeing them. We are made invisible as Jews, as observers of Kwanza. We wonder, where are our temples?

Men's holy days are truly mourning days. The patriarchal New Year is rooted in Babylonian religion. Tiamat, the goddess from whom all form sprung. Call her chaos. Marduk, her son. For centuries, he was only an extension of her. He had no autonomous power. When Marduk slew his mother Tiamat, order was created. Patriarchal time began. And you know what *their* new age resolutions were.

What is Valentine's Day besides a boost to the economy? Was it created by the greeting card indus-

try in conspiracy with Fanny Farmer? No, no. Invented by the church. Feast of St. Valentine. According to Butler's *Lives of the Saints*, St. Valentine may have been two different men, or may never have existed, but if he did, he was martyred in Rome on February 14. Why did they choose the death day of a Roman priest to honor the joy and sanctity of hetero bonding? To bury an earlier festival, Lupercalia, celebrated in Rome on February 15. Folk wisdom has it that the birds choose their mates on this date, and a woman can tell who her husband will be by the type of bird she sees first that morning. A goldfinch: a millionaire; a cross-bill: a quarrelsome husband; a pigeon: someone boring.

Accounts of the Lupercalia do not mention birds or marriage. The Lupercal is a hill at the edge of Rome. Romulus and Remus were found there, suckled by a she-wolf (Lupae). The she-wolf kept the boy alive. The boy who gave his name to Rome. Two boys from good families go to the hill, the Lupercal. They sacrifice he-goats, perhaps a dog. They smear themselves with the blood, still warm, from the dogs, from the goats, whose horns are shaped like a crescent. They have already forgotten to whom the goat is sacred.

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Even in the Suburbs

By Lisa Nussbaum

If you're a lesbian or gay man dwelling in the city, switch gears for a moment. Think about the North Shore of Boston. It spans thirteen separate communities, of which Salem is generally considered the seat, and embraces over half a million in population. As of a year ago last October you probably had to venture into Boston or swing out to Worcester to partake of any lesbian or gay activities, social or otherwise. Except for the Salem State Gay Task Force (a college-affiliated group), gays were not visible on the North Shore.

However, the situation in the suburbs is changing. I spoke with members of the North Shore Gay Alliance to learn about the history of their group, its philosophy and objectives, and the programs it sponsors. Joe Antonelli, Pat Gozempa, Dash Phillips and David Rowand energetically supplied me with information and answered my questions.

Since formation of the North Shore Gay Alliance (NSGA) over a year ago, the lesbian and gay community got a much needed shot in the arm. The climate of isolation and loneliness is fading, although not as fast as it might, proof of the need to sustain and expand outreach to the North Shore community. At the heart of the message of the Alliance is:

"We do not have to be gay in Boston, then play it straight in the suburbs. It's time to build lines of recognition, affirmation and support for one another within our own communities," members explained.

The North Shore Gay Alliance came into being in response to the 1978 Massachusetts gubernatorial race. The then twelve active members directed their efforts towards registering voters in North Shore bars, polling candidates for elective office as to their stands on three separate, pending gay rights bills (none of these bills mustered enough votes for passage in the last congressional session), and publishing the results of these polls.

The election come and gone, work beyond political organizing beckoned. Some members, agreeing on the need to stay together, expanded their activities into social recreational and educational spheres. Consistent with its desire to reach out to as many North Shore lesbians and gay men as possible and to alleviate people's isolation, the Alliance plans and runs a varied roster of programs.

Softball games, volleyball games, cruises, beach outings, brunches and disco parties constitute only a portion of the events held in the past. These kinds of social events tend to draw the largest numbers, members re-

ported, perhaps because for one reason or another many lesbians and gay men do not feel greatly interested in attending meetings.

NSGA's latest educational undertaking, and perhaps the most ambitious of its kind put on by any organization to date is Lesbian and Gay History Week, being celebrated February 18-22 with an array of speakers. These speakers include authors Karla Jay, Allen Young and Jonathan Katz, photographer Tia Cross and Deborah Edel and Joan Nestle from the Lesbian Herstory Archives. (For detailed information as to times, dates and locations of these and other programs, consult this issue of GCN.) Lesbian and Gay History Week is emphatically aimed at the entire lesbian and gay community: it is not limited to those on the North Shore.

Topics ranging from alcoholism to legal issues to racism cover only a few of the past programs. NSGA sponsored Allan Berube's "Lesbian Masquerade" slide show, in its first appearance in the Greater Boston area. Alliance members were a strong presence in 1979 Lesbian and Gay Pride as well as at the October March on Washington. And, not to lose sight of their political beginnings, group members are exploring building coalitions with others on the North Shore — tenants and

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Valentines

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They have already forgotten the moon, imitated by those horns. They sponge up the blood with lambswool, dipped in milk. They run along the edges of the city, they are called he-goats, they hit everyone they meet. This protects against barrenness, wimmin especially. Running, they draw a protective circle. It keeps in the good: the wimmin, their fertility. It keeps out evil: the she-wolf. The boys are called Lupercus, averters of wolves.

Christian and pagan magic over the centuries was used to bond wimmin to men, to avert the wolf, the female animal who kept boys alive. Who must have been envied for her power to sustain life. Who must have been feared for her power. She was made an outcast. They called the prostitute by her name: lupae. La loba. But men could not devour her like they devoured the wife, the mother, the good woman.

Boys smeared with blood and milk will never produce food from their bodies. No magic can make it so. The blood linked to life is menstrual blood, which does not flow from violence. Even the Lupercus, boys from good families, will die if they bleed.

It is a myth that a slap from a nubile boy protests fertility. Like the myth that all life springs from Our Father. Like the myth that love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage. And you're nobody till somebody loves you.

February, traditionally is the month for festivals of a dismal nature. Parentalia, an eight day

observation in remembrance of dead ancestors. Valentine's Day, a celebration of what wimmin and men do together. We can read the signs. The sky is thick with vultures. What will we marry?

Like wolves, lesbians keep the planet alive with our bodies and our red, red love. We stand in the way of the death culture, the boys imitating goats who think if they ram anything hard enough it will bear fruit for them.

Februa: the materials used in rituals of purification and avoidance. The first rule of such rituals: to use good words. We can draw a circle of protection, name the danger clearly, holding in what is good: HONESTY/ SURVIVAL/ PRIDE/ HEALING/ INDEPENDENCE/ FERTILITY/ STRENGTH/ PROTECTION/ UNITY/ WATER/ VIRGIN/ WICCE/ GREEN CORN/ CHAOS/ FIRE/ SELF RESPECT/ NIGHT/ MILK/ HARMONY/ EARTH/ WEAPONS/ FRIENDS.

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let us speak simply of romance,
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easier and so much less
than any of us deserve."
—Judy Grahn, *The Work of a Common Woman*, Diana Press, 1978.
From the series "Confrontations with the Devil in the Form of Love"

NSGA

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anti-nuke groups, for examples. Those willing to do "heavy political work" are encouraged to carry this idea of coalition building beyond the proposal stage.

In effect, NSGA is already earnestly committed to building coalitions with the non-gay community by virtue of its outreach efforts. One of its members, David Newton, began a speakers bureau. They have targeted groups like PTAs for educational presentations. Already, Newton has delivered guest sermons at churches on behalf of the speakers bureau.

As another form of outreach, Pat Gozemba and Marilyn Humphries travel to community groups and schools with their slide show on "Woman-Loving Women," and talk about what it's like to be gay in the suburbs. The definite plus about the slide show, they said, is that it challenges the assumption that "gay" equals "male." They pointed out that it often catches audiences off balance and makes them receptive when they present a show about women.

With more outreach comes more recognition, some in the form of press coverage. Papers

such as the Beverly *Times* and Salem *Evening News* have carried stories on the North Shore Gay Alliance. And while this coverage tends to be naive and underdeveloped, members affirmed that it's not as bad as it once was. Whereas before papers portrayed gay couples on the North Shore as scared and in hiding, they're starting to present a more complete view of lesbians and gay men. And whereas before the newspapers would not use the word "gay" in stories, they are now beginning to do so.

While press coverage is looking up, so too are relations with the police, particularly with the forces in Salem and Beverly. In a year's time they have made great strides in establishing and keeping positive relations between themselves and the police.

There is an even number of men and women involved in the North Shore Gay Alliance, and there is a good rapport between them. The group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Community Room at the Salem Five Cents Savings Bank. For information on NSGA functions or on the group itself write: NSGA, P.O. Box 806, Marblehead, MA 01945 or call 745-6966.

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Odyssey of a Unicorn You Can Go Home Again

By Nancy Walker

This is the last in what many readers probably think has been too long a series of columns dealing with the cross-country trip my sother (significant other) and I took this summer. We had just arrived in San Francisco and found that Richard Burns (current GCN Managing Editor) was going to arrive momentarily to visit Harry Seng (past GCN Managing Editor). Harry planned a beautiful day at Golden Gate National Park. The sun and clear skies over San Francisco made the whole scene a little like a set for a movie about the ultra-rich (have you ever noticed how the sun and the stars are always a little brighter for the rich?), and the park itself is one of nature's glories. Harry took us to the Shakespeare Garden where we saw flowers mentioned in Shakespeare's plays. I was touched by his thoughtfulness in choosing just that particular place to show us.

Then we all marched, looking somehow like a lost segment of the *Wizard of Oz*, over to the Japanese Teahouse on the park grounds, and had jasmine tea and cookies. Now it felt, of course, like an out-take from *Alice in Wonderland*. I was enchanted. We purchased cookies to take home with us and two large soup-cereal mugs that we use all the time, since California has become a memory.

We romped and played in the woods and took silly pictures which are a delight to contemplate. They have frozen time, and we will be forever locked into those laughing, sunny moments, and that is good. . . .

At the beginning of the recounting of this trip, months ago, I spoke of coincidence. We had hoped to find Gregg Howe, (GCN writer) and learned that he did not have a phone. My sother, being more proper than I, said, when I was about to take the car and go to his home, that it was not right to barge in on someone unannounced. "Fine," said I, "shall we send smoke signals?" I was annoyed, but we went off about our business that day, which included going on a little tour of the gay ghetto — Castro and Polk Streets. Just as we were making a left turn onto Castro Street, we stopped at a light and my sother yelled out, "GREGORY!!!" And there he was, walking with a friend. Before anyone fully realized what was happening, we had tucked the two men into our car and driven off with them. That was the day before we went in our inimitable group to the park.

San Francisco is a city built on hills that look, to the driver of an ailing vintage VW, like they go straight up, endlessly. At the beginning of our trip my sother couldn't pull away from a light if the car was on the slightest backward incline (she had not driven anything but an automatic before), and when she first saw the hills in SF, she said, (the hills were to our left), "We are making nothing but right turns, and I don't care how long it takes us to get where we're going." She said it with such conviction that I didn't challenge the statement. That was on our first day in SF. Before we left, three days later, she was chugging up the hills in first gear, both of us praying all the way, but we made it, and that was surely all that mattered. We rode up one of the most terrifying hills in a cable car in the middle of the night. I was really scared that I'd fall off the thing, and was

thoroughly relieved to disembark. The natives must be just a little bit suicidal to ignore both the impending devastation of an earthquake and the ever-present peril of those cable cars, but ignore both situations they blithely seem to do. The cable car abandoned us at the very top of the hill with the cheery information that it was the final car of the evening, and that there was nothing coming back down. We had left Doodle Bug (the car) about two miles away from our current location. There was neither bus, nor cable car. There were feet. We walked, very gingerly and cautiously, to keep from rolling down the hill (some blocks were so steep that there were steps in them). I was constantly catching myself in the thought, "What on earth do they do when it snows?", but, of course, it doesn't snow. The whole city is predicated upon the fact that it doesn't snow. San Francisco makes Beacon Hill in Boston look flat as a potato latke. San Francisco is clean and safe (we walked around in the middle of the night with no fear except the fear of falling) and expensive and unhurried. It's a very nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there; I might lose the keen edge of anger there. The climate is too benign; the people are too friendly. I might just soften to death in such pleasant surroundings. And, besides, you can't get a job there.

Reluctantly, after four days of renewing old acquaintances and eating — mostly eating — as much as we could devour of Chinatown, we left San Francisco and headed back east. I remember feeling very sad as we crossed the border from California into Nevada. California is truly beautiful, where it is beautiful, which is most of the state with the exception of the smog-laden areas in and around Los Angeles. I wondered if I would ever see it again.

We had planned to get home the Sunday before Labor Day, so that I could unwind on Labor Day and go back to work somewhat refreshed. We therefore left six days for the return trip, which, we assumed, would be more than ample. Wrong. We arrived late at night in Reno, Nevada (we had deliberately avoided Las Vegas on the southern route that we had taken going west because gambling was not of any interest to us), and were thunderstruck by the bright lights and the frantic activity going on all around us. We could see what we were sure was not possible. Thousands and thousands of people were mechanically putting coins in thousands and thousands of machines. There was the ringing of bells and the clanking of heavy steel dollars and constant repetitive motion. We looked at each other in surprise and said, "Let's find a motel, and see what this is all about." So, we checked into a motel and then drove back to where the action was. I was hypnotized immediately. We changed some bills into coins, and pretty soon we changed some more bills into coins and pretty soon we changed some more bills into coins. And then, we decided we had to have something to eat. We had a complete rib roast dinner for \$3.69 a piece. If you are ever travelling and you want a real bargain in food, go to Reno. There are restaurants in the gambling establishments. The restaurants are immaculate and dirt-cheap because they want the clientele to stay, to keep up their strength, so that they can continue

to gamble away what in some cases must be life-savings. Most of the people we observed were elderly, retired folk; many of them, we conjectured, were widows on a toot, the like of which they'd never experienced in their whole lives. The most terrifying aspect of all this was that whether they won or lost, almost all the people kept on making the motions of inserting the coins and pulling the handles of the slot machines without altering the dead-pan expressions on their faces. They looked as if they hadn't slept in days. As it was, we stayed up till around 3 a.m., got a little sleep and returned the following day. We had a marvelous buffet brunch for \$1.99 each. Marvelled again at the food, gambled for hours and then pulled ourselves away, about \$14.00 poorer, our return schedule hopelessly shot down. I learned very quickly how addictive gambling can be, and was glad to put some distance between us and Nevada.

Remember, this was the last week in August, and it was hot as blazes, and we found ourselves in Salt Lake City, Utah on an excessively hot morning. I have no patience when I am hot, none, and I have no patience with religion even when I am cool. My sother decides, you guessed it, that she has to see the Mormon Tabernacle. I grit my teeth and say, "Since we're here, we might as well see the main tourist attraction of the state" (next to the Great Salt Lake — I preferred the lake). And let me tell you, the Tabernacle is gorgeous. The grounds, the buildings, the flowers, everything reeks of money. The Mormon Church is so powerful that if you want to see it, and you have an out-of-state license plate, the cops are instructed not to ticket your car if the meter runs out while you're visiting the Tabernacle. Cute? Once you go inside a building you see all these undertaker types standing around with hands held behind their backs. If you make anything resembling eye contact, they come over and offer tons of information you don't really crave, and they answer any question you ask, all with the genuine intention of converting you. My sother knows a good deal about theology, having studied it in connection with her work, so she was discussing the Mormon practice of baptising the dead. I was noticeably shifting from foot to foot, and getting a little bored, when she suddenly, in the midst of her extremely well-mannered and earnest discussion with a Mormon gentleman, asked him about the Mormon position vis-a-vis homosexuality. You should have seen the poor man flinch. He tried to keep his equilibrium and stated the sorry facts while she smiled her extraordinary smile and told him ever so politely that the Church's position was inhumane and backward. She also informed him that we were lesbians — in case he harbored any doubts. Before we left, we put our names on a mailing list. The man must have been troubled by the encounter, because when we arrived home we found a message from him saying that he had hoped we'd seriously study the *Book of Mormon*, and that everything seemed to be going all right between us until the subject of sex came up. And I hope we jiggled a few of his convictions.

Nebraska was on our way home, and Red Cloud, NB is where Willa Cather lived for some

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Music

Teresa Trull and Julie Homi with the Harp Band

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The Harp Band began their set with the '60s classic "On Broadway." Their blend of concert harp (Ellen Uryevick), vibes (Vivian Stuo), bass (Barbara Cobb) and Latin percussion (Nydia Mata and Nancy Friedman) ignited much of the audience. They followed this with some original compositions, including "Sebago Sonata" and "Elephants and Giraffes," an interesting experimental piece imitating jungle cacophonies. The music alternated between sensuous, lively Latin jazz and heavy percussion to soothing, almost undulating melody, dominated by the vibes.

It was nearly Saturday, February 2, when Teresa Trull appeared. Despite the fact that she and Julie had the flu, she was vivacious as ever, but she has changed her style. Gone is the guitarist wearing fatigues and sneakers, sitting on a stool telling old down-home stories interspersed with a few yodels. Now more stylish, Trull depends more on accompaniment, less on her guitar. She sang nearly all her numbers standing at the mike and bantered almost flirtatiously with us at times. Opening with the traditional gospel "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to be Free," she moved quickly into Ma Rainey's "early lesbian un-



Susan Fleischmann

derground classic" "Prove It On Me Blues." Three jazz pieces by other black woman artists followed: "The Family" and Sweet Honey in the Rock's "Every Woman." Julie Homi then played a solo, her jazz improvisation called "Manhattan Fusion." Trull ended her set with an ode to Olivia Records, "You're My Home," and Homi's "For a Woman." Announcing a "planned encore,"

she took her bows and returned with the Harp Band to sing "All Live Together."

More communication from RPM with the audience would have eased our impatience with the late starting time for the concert. Also, no signer was available during the announcements until someone in the audience called for her. This is an omission that should be avoided at future events.

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years, and the town and her home in it are featured in many of her novels. Cather, according to much evidence in her work and in her life, was a lesbian. However, a lot of material has been suppressed, and nothing yet has been explicitly stated by anyone who knew her, nor have any letters been made available to the public that establish her lesbianism beyond the shadow of a doubt. I had conceived a desire to see Nebraska just from reading her descriptions of it, and since Red Cloud was not out of our way, we determined to see it on our homeward journey, but the AAA Tourguide for Nebraska mentioned a town called Minden which houses an American Memorabilia Museum, and my sother is a pushover for that kind of thing, so we went to Minden on the only day we could possibly spend in Nebraska. We knew that the Willa Cather museum closed at 5 pm and that it was about an hour's drive from Minden. You don't want to know how hazardous a ride we went on because we didn't leave Minden till after 4:00. We had to drive on a two-lane road, up and down hill. There were trucks. We couldn't see. I said to my sother (she was driving then because I drove more at night) "Go faster, I don't want to miss the museum — even if it kills us." It was an incredible ride. We got to Red Cloud at 4:55. She dumped me off in front of the museum. I charged, panting, up the stairs to meet a rather amused woman who could tell that I'd been hurrying. I paid our way in. The woman kindly let us stay a few minutes past 5. We picked up two maps that would guide us to points of interest in Red Cloud and its environs, taking us past places that figured significantly in Cather's works. I said I was so sorry that it was too late to go into

her house. The woman said that she'd take us there, since we cared so much to come to see it. She didn't lecture us on the fact that we had left Minden too late. I had already given my poor sother hell about that. The woman gave us about 20 minutes of her time, keeping things open just so that we could see them. Informal kindness seemed a way of life in Nebraska, totally unlike life in the big eastern cities to which we were accustomed. Here (NY, Boston, etc.) closing time is closing time, and that's that. We were impressed, and too grateful to lay a trip on the woman by telling her that the writer who put Red Cloud on the map was a dyke. Until it was too dark to see, we followed our little maps, taking pictures of places we could only imagine when we read about them. And just before sunset we saw black-eyed susans whose stems were 6 feet tall. Things grow in Nebraska.

At 10 pm on Saturday we were eating dinner in Iowa City. My sother has a brother who lives in Waukesha, Wisconsin. This is not exactly near Iowa City, and it is also not anywhere near our route to Boston, but we had a mad impulse to visit her brother, so we called him and told him we would arrive at his home sometime. I drove. I drove very fast. A state police officer got in my way, so I passed him at 70 mph. His ego must have been injured, so he pulled me over and gave me a citation, which I took with pride in the fact that Doodle Bug could actually go that fast. Imagine me with a speeding ticket — the first in my whole life. We got to her brother's at 5 am. He said we were an hour earlier than he expected us. I told him why. It was now patently clear that we weren't getting home on Sunday, since this was Sunday morning. We

stayed with her brother's family until 6 pm when we left for the final leg of our journey and drove straight home without stopping except for meals and to sleep for about three hours in a Howard Johnson's parking lot on one of the highways.

We arrived home in Boston at 2 am on Tuesday, the day after Labor day. I barely had time to sleep for a couple of hours before going back to work. It was like returning to the real world after a long dream or fantastic vision. Time, during the trip, had ceased to function in its accustomed way. We ate and slept at all the most bizarre hours. We had seen places we had not even heard of before, and fallen in love with America in some very deep, not hokey, or flag-waving way.

This country is a miracle. If you have never traveled through it, or have just flown from one big city to another, no matter how widely separated, you must make yourself a promise that you will see, up close, the infinite variety of this nation, and don't let gas shortages put you off. Somehow you can manage to see this land. It is an experience that goes beyond anyone's description. It is something you must do, for yourself, for the sake of knowing what it is that could give us, as a people, the strength to do what is humanly right. There are pockets, isolated pockets, of such peace and splendor and natural richness here, that could inspire anyone to go forth and do justice and treat with mercy and kindness all living things.

There is still much of America that I have not seen. I should like, on my next voyage, to visit the far Northwest and the deep south and Alaska. Perhaps, someday, we will even get to Hawaii. But I don't think Doodle Bug can drive across the water. . . .

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PRISONERS

GWM 22, 6', brn e, lt brn h. Desires to write & establish meaningful friendship/relationship w/fellow GWM's. Will be out in 9 mos. Dennis Pasley, MCTC, Rt 3, Box 3333, Hagerstown, MD 21740. (25)

ORGANIZATIONS

BOSTON AREA

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NAM is a national Socialist-feminist org w/local chapters in more than 40 cities. Recently active in abortion & reproductive rts, gay/lesbian March on Wash., anti-nukes, local labor struggles. Info from Boston-Area NAM, POB 443, Somerville, MA 02144 or (617) 661-8372.

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Support organization for lesbians, 1151 Mass Av, Camb. Old Camb Bap. Raps every Tues & Thurs 8pm. 35 plus rap 2nd W & 4th Fri, 8pm. Bi-monthly magazine FOCUS \$8.00. Monthly social & fund-raising event. Info & office hrs 661-3633. All women invited to participate. (23)

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In New Jersey, the Gay Activist Alliance/Morris County meets every Monday at 8:30 p.m. using facilities of Urtarian Fellowship, Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown, NJ. Info: (201) 691-0388.

LESBIAN/GAY SOCIALIST GROUP

forming in Connecticut. For info, contact: Box 262, Middlefield, CT 06455. (28)

BOSTON GAY CATHOLICS

Dignity/Boston sponsors EXODUS MASS, a liturgy for gay and concerned Catholics, every Sunday at Arlington Street Church (Boston), right side entrance on Arlington St, at 5:30pm. For info contact Dignity/Boston, 355 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02114. Tel. 536-6518.

NH LAMBDA

Box 1043, Concord, NH 03301. 332-4440, 889-1416, 224-3785, 399-4927, 224-8517. A statewide lesbian organization, meeting the third Saturday of every month. Support, education and political action, since 1976.

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Lesbian Mothers National Defense Fund, 2446 Lorentz Place, W. Seattle, WA 98109. (206) 282-5798. Membership \$5.00.

GAY SWITCHBOARD OF NYC

When you're in New York, give us a call for the latest information on gay and lesbian events, which bars to go to, where to stay, what group to contact, and which businesses to patronize. Call us to rap or just to say hello. (212) 777-1800, from noon till midnight. (20)

Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, services each Sunday at 7:00 p.m. (hymn sing 6:45), 131 Cambridge St., Boston (Old West Church). Edward T. Hougen, pastor. Office 523-7664. All persons are welcome.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF WORCESTER

Church service at 2 Wellington St., 7pm Sundays. Potluck Supper and Communion every Weds. at 7pm. 753-8360.

AFFIRMATION

For United Methodist Lesbian and Gay Male Concerns—New England Chapter. For more information and/or support reply to GCN Box 985.

Interested in starting a rap group for mature, settled gays 25-40, free, not prof led, not crisis, but issue oriented. GCN Box 188. (28)

PUBLICATIONS

NEW GAY-OWNED MAGAZINE

AFTA Magazine — reviews gay records, books, businesses. Seeks ads, investors, writers/artists. Sample \$2.50, 6—\$10.00 Bill Marcinko, 47 Crater, Wharton, NJ 07885. (27)

HOW GAY IS YOUR LIBRARY?

Pamphlet of tips for non-librarians on how to get gay materials into libraries, available from the Gay Task Force of the American Library Association. "Censored, Ignored, Overlooked, Too Expensive? How to Get Gay Materials Into Libraries" explains library selection policies in a general way, and tells how you can get a library to buy more gay books & periodicals. Also tells what to do if library refuses your request; why gay bks are sometimes kept where you have to ask for them; & how to donate materials to the library. \$1 to Barbara Gittings — GTF, P.O. Box 2383, Phila., PA 19103. Bkstore & bulk order discount available. More info: Barbara Gittings (215) 382-3222. (c)

FOCUS

Focus: a bi-monthly journal for lesbians, \$8.00 per year, \$1.35 per individual copy. 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138. Publishes fiction, poetry, reviews, essays, graphics. Editorial meetings first Monday of every other month (Apr, June, etc.) at 8pm. Call 259-0063 for info. We need writers and production people. A good place to learn how to put a magazine together.

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Guardian, Independent radical news-weekly, covers black, women's, gay struggles and liberation movements around the world. Special offer: six weeks for \$1. Guardian, Dept. GCN, 33 W. 17 St., NYC, NY 10011. (c)

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Prisoners



GWM, 28, 6', grn e, lt brn h, practicing attorney-in-fact. Lonely, desire correspondence w/anyone regardless race, etc. Need someone who cares. Randy Bullen 138875, MCTC, Rt 3, Box 3333, Hagerstown, MD 21740. (20)

Gay male, 22, 5'2", 155lbs. Wish to correspond with fun-loving people who are for real with themselves. Write: Ronnie Cabell, #77B-2072, 367 Cook St., Dannemora, NY 12929.

I'd like to write to gay people and to get your paper, if that's possible without funds. (Ed. note: It is.) Please write Tony Clark, Georgia State Prison, 69252 #m-4, Reidsville, GA 30453.

I'd like to hear from other gay men who may be in search of a meaningful relationship. I'm 27 and like your paper very much. Dennis Daschofsky, Box 777, 626178, Monroe, WA 98272.

Young prisoner would like to correspond with someone who is sincere and interested in helping me prepare for the future. Fred Taylor, 068565, P.O. Box 1100-mail, #1457, Avon Park, FL 33825. 18 yr old gay male wants to write gay males and females because no family or friends will write now that they know I'm gay. Jeff Aliff, #148-608, P.O. Box 69, Condon, OH 43140.

GM 22 desires to write and establish meaningful relationship with fellow GMs. Will be out in nine months. Dennis Pasley, MCTC, Rt. 3, Box 3333, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

I am very lonely and a little depressed and sincerely interested in someone with an understanding and uninhibited nature. Duane Frazier, #147-274, P.O. Box 45699 BOCF, Lucasville, OH 45699.

GF, soon to be released seeks friends and correspondents. Please write to her. C. Green 27914, Box 900, Jefferson City, Missouri. (12)

Organizer of 'Men Against Sexism' at Walla Walla Prison in Washington, transferred for political reasons to Tennessee. Would like to correspond with fellow faggots lucky enough to be on the outside. Ed Mead, #00911, Brushy Mt. Prison, Petros, TN 37845.

Lonely Indiana man, 24, doing sentence in Florida where I have no friends. Would very much appreciate being able to write to someone. Ray Fellows, #069032, P.O. Box 158, H-59, Lowell, FL 32663.

Extremely open-minded and versatile young gay, about to get out, would like to write other gays. Alvin Brown, #031464, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091.

I'd like to write gay males of all ages and races. My name is Dennis Cathey, #152-202, Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

25 yrs old, looking for life long relationship, about to get out and looking for a kindred spirit. Tim Sardich, 148-350, P.O. Box 69, London, OH 43140.

Mature, sensitive and lonely gay man wishes to correspond with others. All letters will be answered. John Davis, #142-801, P.O. Box 57, Marlon, OH 43302.

Gay prisoner, 22 yrs, Libra, into boxing, weights, reading and music. Please write! Terry Stryker, #90478, Box 97, McAlester, OK 74501.

GCN gets lots of requests for penpal ads from prisoners. Almost none of them are paid for. If you would like to support the paper in this, and perhaps even increase the possibility of a more in depth dialogue between gay men and women on the inside and those of us lucky enough to be on the 'outside', please SEND MONEY. (We also send free subs to prisoners who ask.) In any case take the time to get to know someone who's getting more or less fucked over by strait law (euphemistically called 'justice') and who's obviously very lonely.

Families and Friends of Prisoners (1514a Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02122) is trying to organize transportation to and from Mass. prisons for prisoners' families and friends. If you can help call 265-8455.

I would very much like to write to someone regularly and form a great friendship. I am 21 and just beginning to come out. Joseph Sims, A-96048, Box 87, Menard, IL 62259. (5)

Would care to hear from anyone who cares for someone who has nothing and no one. Bobby Wortham 147740, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699. (14)

Lonely gay man, 30, desires to write to men who are full of love and affection. I like sports, reading, and meeting new people. William Boatwright, 78A3364, Box 367 Merle Cooper, Dannemora, NY 12929.

I'm a young guy who is very interested in corresponding with someone for friendship, someone who is out 'on the streets'. Ny name is Ronnie Sanders, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091.

I'm black, nice looking, 23 yrs of age, vegetarian, healthy, and I'd like to write to someone who's gay, black or white. Timothy L. Fears, 147-784, P.O. Box 57, Marlon, OH 43302.

Lonely Leo wishes to correspond with sincere people. Am open-minded, honest, seeking an everyday person who can fill this emptiness in my life. Issac Barr 036225, P.O. Box 221, 67-110, Ralford, FL 32083. (16)

18, 5'11", blk h, brn e, like fishing, camping, traveling; very sincere, gd lking, slim. Earl Sampson 059667, PO Box 1500, Cross City, FL 32628 (14)

25, Black, 200, nice personality. Need correspondence. Paul Jenkins 051541, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (21)

Lonely, BM, 25 well bit. Seek friendship, companionship, love & happiness. Am poet, philosopher, romantic. Most of all I'm freak for some good gay loving. Race, religion no problem. Anyone write, will ans all. Dwayne Key, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (10)

Gay and shy, 27, 5'7", 160, looking for a friend who will like me for me, not my body. James White, 77A-2611, Box 367, Merle Cooper, Dannemora, NY 12929. (17)

Lonely GWM, 22, brn h, brn e, 5'9", 147. Wish to correspond with other gays, race doesn't matter. Roger Mualaly 014480, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (17)

Lonely prisoner, poet, impressionistic artist, lettering specialist, writer by avocation, majoring in business administration. Love to correspond w/gay people who are genuine and full of love & affection. 5'9", 163, 26 yrs old, Pisces, lovable, Marlon Valery Jones 143125, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699. (14)

19, into reading, writing, all types sports & meeting interesting people. Need someone to write. Steve E. Dole 846695, Box 1500, Cross City FL 32628. (14)

5'6", 132, 25, love a variety of sports, love to have fun with fun-loving person who is not bashful. Joseph Smith D/C 10 029307, P.O. Box 158, Lowell, FL 32663. (14)

20 blind h, green e, 5'11", 150, getting out mid '80, would like to correspond with gays. Pls enclose stamp w/letter. Only sincere need reply. Cary D. Terry 053430, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (16)

26, BM, attend college, enjoy reading, writing, chess, sex, sports. Earl Johnson C-72283, P.O. Box 87, Menard, IL 62259. (14)

Declared gay, lonely, intelligent, witty, seeking any and all communication from gays who are willing to pass along a bit of their time to a deprived gay. Emerson Robert Clayton Jackson 036557, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (5)

6'1", 155, lge Afro, Brn e, native Jamaican, dark complexion. Like writing, poetry, art, music, dancing & SEX! Gay and lonely. Will ans all immediately. Maurice Williams 040449, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (17)

26, Black, would enjoy honest and nature loving individuals. I enjoy reading, writing, singing, drawing, will answer all. Richard Smith A-73348, P.O. Box 87, Menard, IL 62259. (18)

23, brn h & e, 6'1", 160. Play guitar, lift weights, fly planes, go sailing. Seek correspondence with anyone willing to write. Will be here for a year. Doug Barr A-054041, P.O. Box 158, F Dorm, Lowell, FL 32663. (19)

I am lonely, desire friends to correspond with. Am sincere, have many interests, need "real friends" All letters promptly answered. Pls send photo, but not necessary. Leonard Cobb 151-365, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699. (19)

WM, 20, 6', 175, br h & e, wishes to correspond w/gays. Pls enclose stamp. Lawrence McCormack 48866, L-253, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (19)

GBM, 22, 5'9", want W or B correspondent. Age not imp. James White, Box 367, Main St., Dannemora, NY 12929. (19)

Virile, discreet, sensuous, emotionally generous, harmonious, intelligent, warm, passionate & perpetually lonely male seeks a meaningful relationship — gets out soon — your move. Lawrence Brown, 052734, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (19)

GWM 20s, desperately needs help support of other gays. Soon to be released, 90 days left. Need place to live, job. I have no one. Pls help. David Palmer 08619-074, P.O. Box 4000, Springfield, MO 65802. (20)

Seek sincere corres. 5'10", 158. Ints: chess, scuba diving, dancing. Ans all. Sampson Hodge 052242-20-2107, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (14)

GBM, 22, seeking correspondence for friendship & hopefully a sincere relationship. Clyde Simmons 79C-192, Box 367, Dannemora, NY 12929. (22)

23, Mexican American, can read, write both langs. H S ed, but well read. Int in almost any subj. Will ans all. Reynaldo Ramirez 89178, CBB, Angola, LA 70712. (20)

Calendar

weekly events sundays

Boston, MA — Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC). Swimming at Lindemann Center (Stanford St./Gov't Ctr.). Men and women. 2-4pm.

Boston, MA — Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC). Roller skating. Hatch Shell, Esplanade. Man and woman. Call 282-9161 for info.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Man's Basketball. Lindemann Center (Gov't Ctr.). Beginners 3-4:30pm; experienced 4:30-6pm. Info: 227-8187.

Boston, MA — Ciosat Space (WCAS, AM 740). Join Joe Martin and guests for fascinating raps, music etc. 10am.

Boston, MA — Gay AlAnon meets at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. Gay man and woman. 1pm.

Boston, MA — Gay AA meets at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. Gay man and woman. 2:30pm.

New York, NY — Lesbian Feminist Liberation. Woman's discussion. Woman's Center, 243 W. 20th St. 691-5480. 3pm.

New York, NY — Men's rap. For gay and bisexual men. Identity House, 544 6th Ave. 243-8181. 2:30pm.

mondays

Boston, MA — Gay Light Support Group for high school and college age women who are, or are considering being, lesbians. Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston. 7-9pm. Join us for raps, projects and outings.

coming events

feb 10 sun

Cambridge, MA — El comite latino de lesbianas y homosexuales da Boston se reunira a las 2:00 en punto en 56 Brattle St.

11 mon

Cambridge, MA — Women's Community Health Center self-help slide show at 5:30pm. 639 Mass Ave. Rm 210. Call 547-2302 for more info.

12 tues

Boston, MA — Open meeting of the now-forming Boston Lesbian and Gay History Project. Glad Day Book Shop, 22 Bromfield St. 8pm. For info write: Boston Lesbian and Gay History Project, c/o 285 Harvard St. #102, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Boston, MA — ClaarSpaca Community Center monthly meeting. Second Tuesday of every month. 8-10pm., Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston.

Boston, MA — Gay Way (WBUR 90.9FM) David Socla end feminist comic Robin Tyler will be taking calls. 8:30-9:30pm.

Amherst, MA — John Stoltenberger speaks on "Mela Supremacy end Saxuel Objectification". Presented by Gay Men's Alliance at Hampshire College, Main Hall in Franklin Patterson Hall. 8pm. FREE!

Boston, MA — Lesbians end Gay Men for Kennedy. Organizational meeting. 7pm. Somewhere, 295 Franklin St. 2nd floor.

Cambridge, MA — Women's Community Health Center. Black women's self-help group. Begins today at the Blackstone Community School. For info call 547-2302.

13 wed

Boston, MA — Mobilization for Survival Benefit for the legal defense fund of the "B.U. 5" at Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston. 7:30pm. Featuring readings by Marge Piercy, Grace Peley end Marilyn French.

Boston, MA — Mass Gay Political Caucus general meeting. Newcomers are very welcome. Somewhere, 295 Franklin St. (near Aquarium subway stop). 7:15pm. For information about this and other activities of MGPC call 242-3544.

Brattleboro, VT — Southern Vermont Gay Men meet every 4th Monday at the Common Ground, 25 Elliot St. 7:30pm.

Morristown, NJ — Gay Activist Alliance in Morris County (GAAMC). Meetings, discussions, socials. Morristown Unitarian, Normandy Heights Rd. 762-6217. (NJ Gay Switchboard: (809)921-2565.

New York, NY — Lesbian Feminist Liberation. Meeting. Women's Center, 243 W 20th St. 691-5460. 7:30pm.

New York, NY — Comita Homosexual Latinoamericano. Meeting for man and woman. 8pm. 339 Lafayette St. 677-0237.

tuesdays

Boston, MA — ClaarSpaca rap groups: Living as a lesbian woman, Gay Male experience, Bisexual groups, Woman's issues. Second Tuesdays. Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston, 8pm.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis Organization for women. Discussion group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1131 Mass Ave. 8pm. Call 661-3633 for info on all DOB activities.

Boston, MA — Gay Way radio program (WBUR, 90.9FM) Join co-hosts Ann Meguire end David Socla end their guests. 8:30pm.

New York, NY — Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Meetings on alternate Tuesdays. 156 5th Ave Room 505. 924-2970.

wednesdays

Boston, MA — OUT HERE! Evening rap group organized by and for lesbian and gay youth 14-21 years old. Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston. 7-9pm. Join us to meet and talk about our lives.

14 thurs

Boston, MA — Mass Gay Political Caucus will hold a 1980 Presidential Forum at the Metropolitan Community Church (Old West Church), 131 Cambridge St., at 7pm. Call 242-3544 for more information.

Wellesley, MA — Marge Piercy reading her poetry. Sponsored by the Wellesley College Woman's Alliance. Science Center, Rm 277. 8pm. FREE!

Cambridge, MA — Peace Priorities in the '80s. Dava Dallinger, author of *Revolutionary Non-violence*, and Margaret Burnham, civil rights activist, discuss "'70s lessons for the '80s." 7:30pm. \$2 donation. First Parish Church, 3 Church St. Harvard Square.

New York, NY — West Side Discussion Group. "Valentine's Day is for Gay Lovers." with two gay male couples: one set still on their first-year honeymoon, the other 'established' by years of being together. Unisex. 26 9th Ave. 8:30pm. \$2 donation. Social hour follows.

New York, NY — Gay Woman's Alternative. Audrey Stainhorn, psychotherapist will lead a discussion on Mothering: a lesbian experience. At the Universalist Church, Central Park West at 76th St. 8pm. Contribution \$3. All women are welcome.

15 fri

Boston, MA — Come and help end GCN out. to subscribers. Get a copy FREE! 22 Bromfield St. (2nd floor), near the Park St. station. Come anytime after 5 for as long or as short a time as you like (until about 11 or 12). Refreshments end good times! Men and women welcome!

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club. Downhill skiing weekend. Gore Mt. New York. Call Josh at 726-8650 for details.

Boston, MA — Robin Tyler, provocative feminist entertainer, end musician Lou Crimmins, Petty Larkin end Marianne Pontopden. 8:30pm sharp. Sleeper Hill, B.U. 871 Comm Ave.

Boston, MA — Picket/demonstration against the movie *Crusling* at either the Sack 57 or the Cherl (see theater listings for place). 7:30pm. Boston Gays and Lesbians Against Violence.

Foston, MA — Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC). Volleyball. Lindemann Center (Stanford St./Gov't Ctr.). Man and women. 8-10pm.

Cambridge, MA — Open meetings to organize a women's political party. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 7pm. All women invited. For info call 878-0704.

Balloes Falls, VT — The Coffee House. Southern Vermont Lesbian's/Gay Men's Coalition. 7-11pm at the Andrews Inn, on the Square. Refreshments, music, poetry. For info call Kevin 387-GAYS

New York, NY — Chelsea Gay Association. Meets last Wednesday of the month. Coffeehouse. Call 691-0057 for info.

thursdays

Boston, MA — GCN proofreading and layout (basically cutting and pasting with a little bear and pretzels on the side). No experience necessary. We'll teach you all you need to know! Proofreading begins 5-10h and layout 8-10h. 22 Bromfield St. (near Park St and Washington St subway stops), 2nd floor. 426-4469.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Organization for women. Discussions and social hour. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. 8pm. Call 661-3633 for info on all DOB activities.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbians with children. Support group. 8-10pm. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Liberation. 7:30-8pm munchies; 8-10pm discussion. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

New York, NY — Gay Activists Alliance regular meeting at 339 Lafayette St. (near Houston). 8:30pm. All are welcome!

Cambridge, MA — AmTikva discussion, Julca, cheasa, braed donation. 8pm. 312 Mamorie Dr. (corner of Mass Ave.)

Amherst, MA — Lesbian and Gay Dance in the Hampshire College Dining Commons, featuring old Motown and disco music. 9pm. Admission \$1.

Salem, MA — Susan B. Anthony birthday celebration: A Benefit for Origins, a north shore community services organization. Hamilton Hall, 8pm. Entertainment end buffet. Cash bar. Call 745-5873 for info.

Atlanta, GA — "Building a Stronger Black Community," a national conference for black gay men. Feb. 15-17. Participants will discuss sexism end racism. For info call (404) 836-7237.

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Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club. Backpacking in the Carter-Morley Ranga, Pinkham Notch, NH. Call Roy at 825-7924 for info.

Boston, MA — Dignity/Boston annual Mardi Gras dance at the Loft 21 Club, 21 Stanhope St. (behind Police hqtrs. off Berkeley St.) 8pm-1am. Tickets \$5 at the door. Costumes encouraged.

South Hadley, MA — Sirani Avedis in concert. Prett Aud., Mt. Holyoke College. All women welcome. For info call (413) 586-6445.

Athol, NY — A Woman's Place. Weekend holiday. Valentine's Day Party. Meet other women who want to move out of the city. For info call (518) 623-9970.

Lynn, MA — Valentines Party. At Mr. Dominic's. 9pm-2am. Roast beef dinner to benefit the Gay Community Center. \$3.

New York, NY — Hikin' Dykes. Cross-country ski trip to a local area. Call Ellen at 799-2553 for info.

17 sun

Northampton, MA — Lesbian Arts end Crafts Show. 10am-5pm at the Violet Ray Theater, 19 Hawley St. All women welcome. For more info about the National Lesbian Workforce Exchange Project, write: Workforce, P.O. Box 447, Amherst, MA.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Herstory Archives Slideshow, about how a grassroots lesbian archive functions. 7pm. MIT Bldg 9, Rm 150 (enter at 77 Mass Ave). Donation \$2.

Somerville, MA — Lesbian support group for younger women in Somerville. 7:30pm at the Somerville Woman's Center, 38 Union Square (second floor over laundromat). For info call 623-9340.

fridays

Boston, MA — Come to GCN office, 22 Bromfield (near Park St. subway stop), 2nd floor, anytime after 5 for as long or as short as you like (until about 11pm) to help end the paper out to subscribers. (There are LOTS of them and we do need help!) Refreshments end good times. Men and women welcome. 426-4469.

Boston, MA — 'Musically Speaking' with Melanie Barzon. Women's radio program: Jazz, R&B, woman's music, ideas, events information. 1-4pm on WMBR (88.1 FM) Call 494-8810 for input.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Man's Swimming. 6-7pm over 40 only; 7-9pm all ages. Lindemann Center (near Gov't Ctr.). Info 227-6187.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Over 35 rap group at Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. 8pm. (4th Friday end 2nd Wednesday of each month).

New Bedford, MA — Support Group for gay woman meets at Woman's Center, 15 Chestnut St. 7pm. 996-3341.

saturdays

Boston, MA — Out Here! for lesbians and gay youth 14-21 meets from noon to 5pm at the Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston. Join us for outings, raps end projects.

New York, NY — Gay Youth rep group. 26 9th Ave. 1pm. 242-1212.

Cambridge, MA — Ciosat Spece (WCAS 740AM) Joe Martin talks with the inimitable comic Robin Tyler about comedy end politics. 10pm.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian end Gay Folkdancing. 1:30-4pm. Phillips Brooks House in the northwest corner of Harvard Yard.

Newburyport, MA — NawSpece Coffeehouse for women presents Monice Raymond in a dramatic poetry reading. 7:30-10pm. at the YWCA, 13 Market St. Call 482-9059 for more info about this end other activities at the coffeehouse.

Albany, NY — Meeting of Lesbian end Gay People of New York State (LAGPONY) to plan the March on Albany, on April 12-13. Gay Community Center, 332 Hudson Ave. 10am. Call (518) 462-6138 for more info.

New York, NY — Documentary movie on the Merck on Westinghouse with an audio track of 4 men talking about the establishment of trust end intimacy in gay male culture. Leslie-Lohman Gallery, 485 Broome St. 9pm tonight. Mon. end Tues. evens.

18 mon

Salem, MA — North Shore Gay Alliance presents the first in a series of 4 programs making up "Gay History Week." Tonight the archivists of the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York will speak on "Preserving our Herstory." 7:30pm. Witchas Loft, Lycaum Restaurant, 41 Church St.

New York, NY — Meeting of the New York Coalition of Black/Third World Lesbians end Gays. MCC Triangle Center, 28 9th Ave. 7:30pm. Call Renee at 242-1212 or 691-4733. Anyone concerned about Black and Third World issues is welcome regardless of race.

19 tues

Salem, MA — Gay History Week continues, sponsored by the North Shore Gay Alliance. Tonight: Tia Cross will speak on "Lesbian photographers of the 19th and 20th centuries." 7:30pm. Witchas Loft, Lycaum Restaurant, 41 Church St.

Cambridge, MA — Women's Community Health Center Open House at 5:30pm. 639 Mass Ave, Rm 210.

New York, NY — West Side Discussion Group. Women Loving Women in 1980. 28 9th Ave. 8:30pm. \$2 donation. All women are welcome.

The deadline for Calendar items is Tuesday at noon for the following issue.